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# Light Enters

# Big Car Race

4/19/1950

# Here Sunday

Despite the presence of Indianapolis winner Bill Holland, two Dutchmen from Pennsylvania—Mark Light and Tommy Hinnershitz—threaten to monopolize the spotlight in Sunday's AAA big car auto races here at the New Jersey state fairgrounds.

Light and Hinnershitz came here early last year and literally stole the show in one of the preliminary eight-mile heat races. Although Hinnershitz was the overwhelming favorite by reason of finishing second in the Eastern championship the preceding year, Light upset the dope by defeating his old rival.

In the events here Sunday, both Light and Hinnershitz will pilot different cars than last year. Light, who hails from Lebanon, Pa., will chauffeur a new Offenhauser he constructed last winter, and Hinnershitz, the defending Eastern champion out of Reading, Pa., will manhandle the No. 1 Offy the late Ted Horn owned and drove.

Both men made their maiden appearance with their respective cars in the AAA Eastern inaugural half mile track races at the Reading (Pa.) Fairgrounds two weeks ago last Sunday. Hinnershitz won the feature race in record time, and Light wound up in fourth place.

Holland, who was second in the feature at Reading, will pilot an Offenhauser he purchased early last year from racing interests in the midwest. The Indianapolis bigwig has announced that the events here probably will mark his final appearance on a dirt track in the East this year.

The Trenton program, as announced by director Sam Nunis, will consist of time trials, four eight-mile heat races, a match race and a 25-mile sweepstakes final.



# 5 Jersey Drivers Set to Oppose Holland in Big Car Races Sunday

Five Jerseyans are among the drivers who'll oppose Indianapolis winner Bill Holland in Sunday's AAA mile track inaugural big car auto races at the Fair Grounds. American Automobile Association officials said last night that the speed delegation from the Garden State will include Hank Rogers, of Fords, Bob Cooney of Haddonfield, Ed Terry of New Brunswick, Johnny Matera of Elizabeth and Buster Keller, Fair Lawn.

## Rogers Well Known

Probably the best known member of the quintet is Rogers, a pottery worker by trade, who last year finished eighth in the AAA eastern speed championship won by Tommy Hinnershitz of Reading, Pa.

Hinnershitz also is entered in the events here and his opponents—in addition to the five Jersey drivers—include three starters in last year's 500-mile Indianapolis race. They are Holland, the winner; Lee Wallard, one of the early pacesetters, and George Lynch, first driver to crash in the 1949 Memorial Day grind.

Holland, who resides in Miami, Fla., and Wallard, a resident of Altamont, N. Y., both will drive for the Lou Moore racing team at Indianapolis this year. Lynch, a native of Detroit, Mich., will pilot a car owned by racing interests in Indianapolis.

Sunday's races here also will feature such top-ranking dirt track stars as Mark Light, Lebanon, Pa.; Mike Josephs, Philadelphia; Buster Warke, Allentown, Pa.; Bill Schindler, Freeport, L. I.; Otis Stine, York, Pa.; Ted Corbett, New York, and Tut Moore, Hatfield, Pa.

The Trenton program, consisting of seven sprint racing events, will include time trials, four eight-mile heat races, a match race and a 25-mile sweepstakes final. Time trials will begin at 1 P. M. and the first racing event begins at 2:30 P. M.



ED TERRY

... opposes Holland Sunday.

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# Ex-Stock Car Ace Will Drive Here on Sunday

Biggest news of the year in auto racing is that Al Keller, widely known stock car driver, has switched to regulation type race cars and will make his debut in AAA big car competition here at the Fair Grounds Sunday.

A resident of New Bloomfield, N. J., Keller is the most recent candidate for the races here which have attracted such nationally known speed pilots as Indianapolis winner Bill Holland, eastern dirt track champion Tommy Hinnershitz and Indianapolis drivers Lee Wallard, George Lynch and Walt Brown.

Keller has received the driving assignment on a new Offenhauser race car owned by Frankie Delroy of Paterson. Delroy, a former associate of the late Ted Horn, has spent more than six months in supervising the construction of the chassis and body of the new car. The motor was purchased from the Offenhauser factory in Los Angeles, Calif.

Although no reason was given for Keller's sudden decision to abandon the stocks, informed sources believe the New Bloomfield driver nurses hopes of competing in next year's Indianapolis "500," and has decided to serve his required one-year driving apprenticeship in AAA-sanctioned big car competition.

Rules of the AAA contest board stipulate that all drivers must serve a one-year apprenticeship on the nation's dirt tracks and speedways before they can become eligible to take the driver's test which is required for all first-time starters at Indianapolis.



AL KELLER

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## Indianapolis Stars In Auto Races Here Today



AAA big car auto racing returns to the New Jersey State Fair Grounds this afternoon. Many of the nation's leading dirt track and speedway drivers will be among those participating. Shown at the upper left is Indianapolis Speedway chauffeur George Lynch, Detroit, Mich. Lee Wallard, Alta-

mont, N. Y., is shown seated in race car, upper right. Tommy Hinnershitz, defending Eastern dirt track champion from Reading, Pa., center inset, is flanked by Mark Light, 1938 AAA Eastern titleholder from Lebanon, Pa., lower left, and last year's Indianapolis winner, Bill Holland, Miami, Fla., lower right.



# Holland Heads Stellar Field In Fair Grounds Races Today

The roar of at least 23 race cars, an undercurrent of Indianapolis 500-Mile excitement and a nearly complete reshuffling of drivers and cars will usher in New Jersey's 1950 AAA racing season at the State Fair Grounds here today.

Drivers entered include Bill Holland, 1949 Indianapolis champion, Tommy Hinnershitz, last year's Eastern AAA kingpin, Bill Schindler, four-time midget titleholder; Lee Wallard, Walt Brown, fourth in the national standings last year; Otis Stine, George Lynch, Mark Light, Ed Terry, Bob Cooney, Mike Josephs, Tut Moore, Buster Warke, Hank Rogers, Johnny Matera and Al Keller.

Hinnershitz, Wallard, Brown, Light, Terry, Schindler and Warke will be steering cars they didn't drive in 1949. Hinnershitz will be behind the wheel of the Offie belonging to his late friend, the immortal Ted Horn. Schindler will handle Ralph Malamud's mount, formerly driven by Bill Holland, and Wallard will be in the car handled in 1949 by the late Jimmy Gibbons.

## Thrill Show Beckons Bill

Warke, Light and Keller will be displaying entirely new cars to the crowd expected to jam the Fair Grounds. Warke is a former Midwest champion. Light, who will make his first "500" appearance this May 30, was the 1938 Eastern kingpin. Keller is a widely-known stock car driver who will make his debut in a big car here this afternoon.

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According to Promoter Sam Nunis, Holland, always a popular attraction at the local mile track, will probably make the last Trenton appearance of his racing career. Holland recently said he would retire from active dirt-track racing after defending his "500" title Memorial Day. He will, however, participate in the various 100-mile national championship marathons, before putting his own thrill show on the road.

## Lynch In Jersey Debut

George Lynch, on the other hand, is scheduled to make his first New Jersey showing in today's qualifying trials which begin at 1 p. m. Hailing from Detroit, the popular youngster was out of action for most of the 1949 season because of a crack-up early in last year's 500-Mile classic.

Hinnershitz and Schindler, say the experts, will be the boys to watch today. The Flying Dutchman achieved one of his two ambitions when he signed to drive the Horn car and promptly proved he could handle it by copping a heat and the feature at Reading, Pa., April 2. Schindler, however, came right back to win at Williams Grove last Sunday. The two are now battling neck and neck for the lead in the current chase for the Eastern AAA title.

Today's card also will mark Promoter Sam Nunis' sixth year of producing races at the State Fair Grounds here. Nunis, the nation's top speed salesman, later this Summer will put on the world's first International 500-Mile Strictly Stock Sweepstakes at Lakewood Park in Atlanta, Ga.

The seven events listed on today's program include qualifying time trials, four eight-mile heat races, a match race and a 25-mile feature. The first racing event will get under way at 2:30 p. m.

## The entries:

Bill Holland, Miami, Fla., Offenhauser; Tommy Hinnershitz, Reading, Pa., Offenhauser; Lee Wallard, Altamont, N. Y., Offenhauser; Mark Light, Lebanon, Pa., Offenhauser; Walt Brown, Massapequa, L. I., N. Y., Offenhauser; George Lynch, Detroit, Mich., Offenhauser; Bill Schindler, Freeport, L. I., N. Y., Offenhauser; Hank Rogers, Fords, N. J., Offenhauser; Mike Josephs, Philadelphia, Pa., Offenhauser; Buster Warke, Allentown, Pa., Offenhauser; Otis Stine, York, Pa., Offenhauser; Bob Cooney, Haddonfield, N. J., Hal; Ed Terry, New Brunswick, N. J., Offenhauser; Al Keller, New Bloomfield, N. J., Offenhauser; Bill Gouse, Bolling Spring, Pa., Hal; Buster Keller, Fair Lawn, N. J., Hal; Al Fleming, Richmond, Va., Hal; Mike Nazareth, East Meadow, L. I., Offenhauser; Lucky Lux, Avon, Pa., Dreyer; Ted Corbett, New York, Hal; Johnny Matera, Elisabeth, N. J., Hal; Tut Moore, Hatfield, Pa., Hal; DEE McConnell, Trenton, Hal.

# Indianapolis Race Winner May Compete Here June 4

There's a good possibility of this year's Indianapolis 500-mile victor being in the starting field for the inaugural of New Jersey's AAA big-car racing season here at the State Fair Grounds Sunday, June 4, Promoter Sam Nunis said today.

Nunis, in Indianapolis for the 34th running of the 500-mile speedway classic, said he was trying to sign at least eight more Indianapolis drivers for the rest of the season. He already has four under contract—Lee Wallard, Walt Brown, Mark Light and Bill Schindler.

"If I'm right about the 12 drivers I have in mind," Nunis explained, "one of them should take the checkered flag on May 30, and at least four others should finish in the top 10." Since the war, Nunis has been unusually lucky in guessing the winner before the running of the Hoosier marathon.

Last year, he had Bill Holland under contract and in 1946, the late George Robson. Mauri Rose, the winner in 1947 and 1948, has consistently refused to race outside of Indianapolis.

## Parsons May Return

In the event he does misfire on his guess, Nunis stated there was a good chance of bringing back Johnny Parsons, the 1949 National AAA champion, to Trenton. Parsons last appeared here in June of 1949 for Trenton's first 100-mile national championship marathon, won by Myron Fohr.

The June 4 program at the Fair Grounds has been officially

designated by the Contest Board of the American Automobile Association as the opener of the New Jersey big car season. The April 23 card was cancelled because of rain.

On tap for the expected record-breaking crowd will be the qualifying time trials, four eight-mile heat races, a match race and a 25-mile feature finale. The time trials will start at 1 p. m. and the first race at 2:30 p. m., Daylight Saving Time.

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# Mark Light Car In Races Here

5/25/1950

The strong possibility that the winner of this year's Indianapolis 500-mile classic will be in the lineup for the AAA big-car races at the State Fairgrounds here on Sunday, June 4, hasn't kept Lucky Lux of Avon, Pa., from entering the meet. Lux announced his entry yesterday.

He said he would drive the same car which Mark Light drove on dirt last year and which Joie Chitwood campaigned to two Eastern AAA championships in 1939 and 1940. He purchased the car from Light this past winter when he learned the agile veteran was building a new Offenhauser.

In it, Lux has managed to cop a neat sixth-place finish at Greensboro, N. C., and a seventh at Williams Grove, Pa., in his only two starts of the season.

Last year, the car, under Light's capable direction, ranked sixth in the AAA's eastern car standings.

Before Light acquired it, the car was owned by Ted Nyquits of Reading, Pa. Nyquist purchased it from Fred Peters of Paterson, N. J., who built it in the late 30's and engaged Bob Sall as driver until Sall's retirement in 1938. Chitwood was then signed as the replacement.

Although the car established its best record under the joint guidance of Peters and Chitwood, it is still regarded as one of the leading dirt-track juggernauts in the east.

Lux, the new pilot of the machine, is expected to encounter some of the nation's top drivers in the events here. Promoter Sam Nunis is now in Indianapolis where he will try to contract the winner of the "500" and as many finishers in the first 10 as he can. Already entered for the June 4 embroglio are Buster Warke, Otis Stine and Billy Gouse.

The card, the first New Jersey AAA-sanctioned meet of the season, will consist of time trials, four eight-mile heats, a match race and a 25-mile feature. Time trials will begin at 1 P. M. and the first racing event at 2:30.

## *Rivals In Speed Events Here Next Sunday*



**Buster Warke**



**Tommy Hinnershitz**



**Mark Light**

# Auto Races Slated Here Next Sunday

The winningest race driver of the year on the nation's dirt tracks — Tommy Hinnershitz of Reading, Pa. — will endeavor to extend his current victory skein to four straight in the AAA big car auto races here at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds next Sunday.

Not since the days of the late Ted Horn has a driver so thoroughly dominated the dirt track picture as has Hinnershitz this year. Piloting the same Offenhauser Horn formerly owned and drove, Hinnershitz has won four of five starts and posted five new track records since the start of the season.

Horn's best year with the car was in 1948 when he won 25 of 26 starts. At the time of his death in October, 1948, he held more than 90 records on dirt tracks throughout the United States. His only defeat was administered by Hinnershitz in a race at Williams Grove, Pa.

## Lost At Williams Grove

Barring unforeseen developments, racing observers believe the Reading driver stands a good chance of matching Horn's phenomenal won and lost record. By an odd coincidence, his only setback this season was also sustained on the Williams Grove track.

Hinnershitz's triumphs were registered at Reading, Pa.; Atlanta, Ga.; Greensboro, N. C., and in the second race at Williams Grove. Aside from making a clean sweep of the racing events, he posted four new track marks in the program at Greensboro.

## Nunis At Indianapolis

Hinnershitz's opponents in the races here may include the winner of the 500-mile race at Indianapolis. Director Sam Nunis is now at Indianapolis and will endeavor to sign the winner of Tuesday's speed classic there.

Other early entrants for next Sunday's races are Mark Light, Lebanon, Pa.; Lucky Lux, Avon, Pa.; Otis Stine, York, Pa., Bill Gouse, Boiling Springs, Pa., Al Fleming, Richmond, Va., and Buster Warke, Allentown, Pa.

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# Gouse Signs For June 4 Races Here

5-29-1950

That sensational newcomer on Eastern dirt tracks, Billy Gouse, of Boling Springs, Pa., has signed to compete in the 1950 opening of the New Jersey AAA auto racing season here at the State Fair Grounds Sunday, June 4.

Gouse made his debut as an AAA driver in 1946. So far this season he has finished sixth at Lakewood Park, Atlanta, Ga., soon to be the home of the world's first International 500-Mile Strictly Stock Sweepstakes, and fifth at Williams Grove, Pa.

On May 17 at Greensboro, N. C., he sliced his engine in half in the qualifying lap and was unable to compete. The car, a Hal owned by Fred Hudson, of Charlotte, N. C., has already had a new motor installed and will be definitely ready for the June 4 meet.

## Veteran of Speed Sport

Hudson, born and reared in the shadow of the old Charlotte board speedway, had been affiliated with big-car auto racing for more than a quarter century. A former driver himself, he purchased his own car in the early 30s and campaigned it himself on tracks in the two Carolinas.

In 1936, he registered his car with the contest board of the American Automobile Association and hired a licensed AAA chauffeur as his replacement in the driver's seat. Not content to remain on the sidelines, he then obtained an appointment to serve as official starter at Southern AAA races.

Hudson still waves the starter's flags at nearly all the AAA-sanctioned big car races held each year south of the Mason-Dixon line. Despite his official duties, however, he finds time to keep his car in good running order. He and Gouse have been associated since the beginning of the 1949 season.

The June 4 program will consist of the qualifying time trials, four eight-mile heats, a match race and a 25-mile feature. The time trials will start at 1 p. m. and the first race at 2:30 p. m.

# Winner At Indianapolis Signs For Races Sunday At Trenton Fair Grounds

There have been many candidates for the role of the greatest race driver of all time—Eddie Rickenbacker, Tommy Milton, Ralph De Palma, Wilbur Shaw, Lou Meyer, Bill Holland and the late Ted Horn—but there's a new one on the scene now. And he might possibly eclipse them all.

He's none other than Johnny Parsons, winner of Tuesday's rain - abbreviated Indianapolis 500-mile classic and 1949 national AAA champion.

Parsons, who will make his first start as "500" champion here at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds this Sunday, reminds you of anything but a race driver. He is modest, affable, a good mixer, stands five feet, nine inches, weighs about 150 pounds

and, as far as the feminine fans are concerned, is downright handsome. He is married to an ex-movie starlet and is the father of two children.

Parsons was signed by Promoter Sam Nunis to appear here this Sunday in the opener of the New Jersey AAA season. Shortly after he caught the checkered flag at Indianapolis, he was cornered by Nunis and signed to a contract. In his last Eastern appearance, a Nunis-promoted race at Langhorne last Fall, Parsons copped a 100-mile marathon which assured him of the National AAA crown.

His only previous Trenton appearance occurred last June when he broke his steering rod and spun into the fence in another 100-miler.

Although he now lives in Van Nuys, Cal., the new "500" champion was born in Texas. It was in the Lone Star State on April 24, 1949 that he began his climb to auto racing's pinnacle. On that date at Arlington Downs, Parsons, a former midget driver, copped a 100-miler for the first major victory of his career.

Following the Arlington classic, he finished second at Indianapolis, 11th at Trenton, third at Springfield, Ill., first in a Milwaukee, Wis., 200-miler, 11th at DuQuoin, Ill., first at Syracuse, N. Y., first at Springfield, Ill., first at Langhorne and fifth at Sacramento, Cal.

Even though Tuesday's classic at Indianapolis was halted at the end of 345 miles, there were few in the Hoosier capital who doubted that Parsons would have captured first place had he been permitted to go the full distance.

Aside from two brief spurts by previous winners, Mauri Rose and Bill Holland, nobody in the fastest starting field in history could come close to catching him.

Despite his Indianapolis performance, Parsons will have plenty of competition here Sunday. Already signed to battle him are such stars as Lee Wallard, who finished sixth in the "500"; Walt Brown, one-legged Bill Schindler and Tommy Hinnershitz, the Eastern AAA champion. The time trials Sunday will get under way at 1 p. m. The first of six racing events is scheduled for 2:30 p. m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

6-1-1950



# East's Aces Block Path Of Parsons

6-2-1950

Eastern dirt track drivers greeted with mixed emotions the announcement that Indianapolis winner Johnny Parsons will compete in the AAA big car auto races here on the New Jersey State Fair Grounds mile track Sunday.

Tommy Hinnershitz, Reading, Pa., defending AAA Eastern dirt track champion, and the driver most observers figure is the "man to beat" here Sunday, assumed a stoical attitude when informed of Parsons' entry.

"As far as I'm concerned, it doesn't matter a great deal who is in the field," asserted Hinnershitz. "For the record, you can quote me as saying I'll be out to win my fifth victory of the season, regardless of the opposition."

Lee Wallard, Altamont, N. Y., who finished sixth in the Indianapolis race last Tuesday, was a bit more perturbed by the report that the Indianapolis winner will compete.

"That Parsons can really get going," said Wallard. "I expect there'll be a few new records hoisted in the races Sunday."

Two Long Island, N. Y., drivers—Walt Brown, of Massapequa, and one-legged Bill Schindler, of Freeport—both feel confident Parsons' winning streak can be halted in the races here.

"Regardless of the outcome, Parsons will know he's been in a race," predicted Brown.

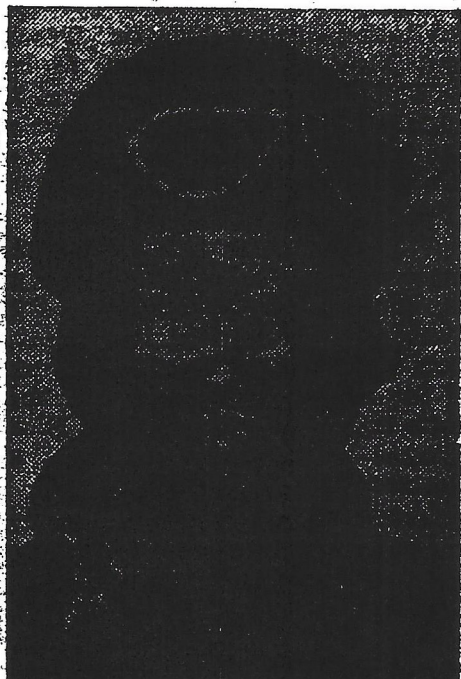
Schindler lent support to Brown's statement by predicting an Eastern driver will emerge victorious.

"I don't know who it will be, and I hope it's me, but I'm convinced one of the Eastern boys will win," said Schindler.

# 500-Mile Winner Due Here Tonight

Johnny Parsons of Van Nuys, Calif., winner of the abbreviated 500-mile speedway race at Indianapolis Tuesday, will arrive in Trenton late tonight.

Before coming to Trenton, Par-



**WALT BROWN**

sons, who participates in the AAA big car auto races at the State Fairgrounds Sunday, will appear in a series of radio, television and press interviews in New York, a member of the Sam Nunis Speedways organization said.

In a long-distance telephone call yesterday from Indianapolis, Nunis informed one of his representatives here that Parsons plans to arrive in New York early this morning by plane. Nunis, who

has been at Indianapolis since last Saturday, also is scheduled to return to Trenton some time today.

Parsons' appearance in the races here will be his first since Tuesday' record-smashing victory at Indianapolis. He is slated to drive a dirt-track Offenhauser, owned by Bill Holland of Reading, Pa., who was winner of second-place money in this year's Indianapolis race.

No stranger to speed fans in Trenton, Parsons participated in a 100-mile national championship race at the State Fairgrounds last June. However, he was forced to retire midway through the race when he broke a steering rod on his car.

Later in the season, he appeared in another national championship 100-miler at nearby Langhorne Speedway, and won the event in the same car he drove this year at Indianapolis.

The Californian's foremost opponents in the races here are expected to be eastern dirt-track champion, Tommy Hittershitz of Reading, Pa., and Indianapolis Speedway drivers Lee Wallard, Altamont, N. Y.; Walt Brown, Massapequa, L. I., N. Y., and one-legged Bill Schindler, Freeport, Long Island, N. Y.

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# This Sports Racket

## Parsons Here Today

Handsome 31-year-old Johnny Parsons is anxiously awaiting his first racing assignment since winning the Indianapolis Speedway classic last Tuesday.

The winner of the top automobile race event in the country is in Trenton, ready to participate in today's Spring program at the State Fair grounds.

Parsons got the "bug" to become a racing driver when he was six years old. The youngster was a steady fixture at the Ascot track on the West Coast. Because his uncle owned a garage near the raceway, John got to know many of the star drivers of the day. After finishing school, Parsons went to work as a bakery equipment engineer, but still had the hankering to drive racing cars. At 22, he talked a new promoter into driving in a midget race in 1940. Two years later he walked off with the Pacific Coast midget laurels.

Last year Parsons copped the AAA big car national championships winning five out of 10 events. So far this season, he leads in both the big car and midget ratings. If he is able to maintain his front running pace, Parsons will be the first driver to win both titles—quite an honor in the racing profession.

And it doesn't make any difference to Parsons in which class he drives. The five-foot, 10½-inch star said driving the big cars is a more hazardous chore because they travel faster, are heavier and more things can go wrong with the car during a race.

### 100 Races Per Year

In all Parsons drives about 100 races a year. The various events take him to all parts of the country. Last year he drove a race in Mexico City. During the midget season, the Speedway star drives five or six nights a week, mostly on the West Coast.

Last year Parsons raced at the Langhorne Speedway and won the race without seeing the track before. He did the same at the Syracuse Fair Grounds, too.

Parsons makes his racing jaunts accompanied by his wife, Lila June. She watches all the races in which he is entered. She would rather see them from the pits than from the grandstand. Parsons has a daughter, eight, and a son, six.

In all, Parsons estimates he travels about 25,000 miles a year—on the tracks and getting to each race.

### Pet Superstitions

Superstition doesn't mean much to Parsons—except he never wears anything green on a race date, won't eat peanuts near a track and always gets in and out of his car from the left side. Those, he said,

are not uncommon among the drivers.

Winning the more than \$57,000 in cash prizes and the various other awards that went along with the abbreviated 500-mile classic represented Parsons' biggest racing thrill. But the Van Nuys, Calif., veteran said he is sorry that the race didn't go the entire distance, "just to clear up any doubts that people had about my winning." Parsons points out that he set 11 track records in taking the event at 345 miles. Seven of the records were established in 1939. It was the same car in which Parsons, making his Indianapolis debut last year, finished second.

### Gambled—and Won

Parsons took a chance in entering the race. Twenty minutes before the start he and his mechanics noticed a cracked engine block. It was too late then to back out," Parsons said. He took a gamble and had the crack sealed, and fortunately it held. The car didn't "work too hot when it first started but smoothed out after awhile."

Parsons held the pace in all but 23 of the total laps. He took over the lead soon after the start. He lost it when he had a pit stop for a minute and 23 seconds. In that time he had two tires changed, got a drink of water and had 53 gallons of gas put in the car.

When he resumed, Mauri Rose had taken over the lead. Then, when Rose went to the pits, Bill Holland, last year's champion,

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After eight more laps, Parsons moved out in front. Said Johnny: "Holland's eyes were as big as golf balls when I passed him." Parsons stayed in front the rest of the way. Holland was two laps behind when the checkered flag was waved, ending the race.

The closest call Parsons had in the way of an accident came after the race was over and he was driving to "victory lane." There, he said, a guard rope became loose and "as I drove past, the cord almost caught my neck."

One thing Parsons can't understand is the large number of traffic accidents that happen throughout the country. He said that if motorists took the care on the highways that racing drivers do on the speed-tracks, there would be fewer mishaps.



# Parsons to Race

6/4/1950

## At Trenton Today

TRENTON, N. J., June 3.—The East will receive its first glimpse of 1950 Indianapolis Speedway champion Johnny Parsons in tomorrow's AAA big car auto races at the New Jersey State fairgrounds.

Parsons, winner of the abbreviated "500" at Indianapolis last Tuesday, heads a field of more than 20 dirt track and speedway chauffeurs in the first AAA speed events of the year in New Jersey.

It will be Parsons' first public appearance since his record smashing triumph on the speedway bricks, and many observers believe he'll continue his winning ways at the expense of such topflight opponents as Eastern dirt track champion Tommy Hinnershitz, Reading, Pa., and Indianapolis Speedway drivers Lee Wallard, Altamont, N. Y.; Walt Brown, Massapequa, L. I., N. Y., and one-legged Bill Schindler, Freeport, L. I., N. Y.

The program is designed for regulation dirt track cars, and Parsons will drive an Offenhauser owned by Bill Holland, of Reading, Pa., and Miami, Fla. Holland finished second to Parsons in the Memorial Day race.

Seven sprint racing events comprise the program, and among the events listed are time trials, four eight-mile heat races, a match race and a 25-mile sweepstakes feature. Time trials are scheduled at 1 P. M., and the first racing event will get under way at 2:30 P. M., daylight time.

According to Promoter Sam Nunis, the new Indianapolis champion will be a definite starter in the main racing events, and almost a certain participant in the special match race. Starters in the match race will be determined by public applause.

# Marant Blue Crown Special Pointed For Indianapolis '51

Charley Marant of Trenton is pointing for the 1951 Indianapolis Speedway 500-mile auto race with a Blue Crown Special that he now owns.

Marant formerly shared ownership of the car with Lou Moore of Ventura, Calif., builder and designer of the famous Blue Crown Specials. Marant was associated with Moore for several seasons. Moore now has disposed of all his interests as an owner. One of his deals was with Marant, making Charley the sole owner of the No. 5 Blue Crown Special, a rear drive creation. This car, driven by George Connors of Los Angeles, in the 1949 and '50 Indianapolis classics, now reposes at 225 Chambers Street, Trenton. Marant will keep the car in Trenton until he goes to Indianapolis for the big race on May 30, 1951. He plans to retain Connors as driver. Connors finished eighth in this year's race after running second for a while to Johnny Parsons, the eventual

winner. Connors made a pit stop just before rain halted the race.

Four Blue Crown Specials started the 1950 classic. Three of them finished second, sixth and eighth with Bill Holland, Lee Wallard and Connors as the respective drivers. The other was forced out of the race when a front wheel bearing went bad.

8-11-1950



# Rogers Seeks Top Honors In Fair Auto Races Sunday

Henry (Hank) Rogers from nearby Fords, N. J., heads the latest group of star drivers to sign for the AAA auto races scheduled Sunday at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds. The events are a "closing day" feature of the current New Jersey State Fair.

Along with the speedy Jerseyite, recent entries include Tommy Hinnershitz, East Coast AAA champion; Otis Stine, and Al Fleming, Southern AAA ace from Richmond, Va. The seven-event bill is under the direction of Sam Nunis Speedways.

Rogers, who is claiming AAA supremacy in New Jersey, and Stine are current arch-rivals in the East Coast ranks. They'll join other aces in seeking to win here Sunday.

A big 25-mile New Jersey State Fair sweepstakes has top billing on the speed program. Other events are a special match race, a 10-mile consolation, three 8-mile heat races and qualifying time trials. The time trials open promptly at 1 p. m.

and the first race goes at 2:30 p. m.

For his bid before the "neighbors," Rogers will be benefited at the wheel of one of the country's fastest race cars. The machine is the famed Steffen Offenhauser, known from coast to coast and valued at \$15,000.

Hinnershitz is billed to drive the champion \$18,000 Offenhauser made famous by the late Ted Horn. A win in the machine Sunday afternoon will bolster Tommy's bid for a second Eastern championship.

Nunis fervently expects Sunday's field to surpass all others in New Jersey State Fair history for caliber and size.

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9-26-1950

# Classy Field For Sunday's Speed Events

9/29/1950

With the entry today of five more speed rivals, the field for Sunday's seven-event bill of AAA auto races at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds was nearing completion.

Bob Cooney, York, Pa.; Speed McFee, Rochester, N. Y.; Mark Sooley, Pitman; Wally Campbell, Paterson, and Jack Robbins, Newark, all signed for the Sam Nunis-directed card. The races will highlight "closing day" at the New Jersey State Fair.

The latest five, all up-and-coming speedsters, join the nation's top drivers in Sunday's field. The favored chauffeurs approaching the post parade are Tommy Hinnershitz, East Coast AAA king; Mike Nazaruk, latest AAA "find" and Lee Wallard of Indianapolis fame.

"Apple" of the drivers' eyes in the Fair action will be a big 25-mile sweepstakes, listed to head Sunday's program. Three eight-mile heat races, a special match race, a 10-mile event and qualifying time trials precede the main go. The time trials start at 1 p. m. The races begin at 2:30.

Norman L. Marshall, secretary of the New Jersey State Fair, announces that the mile raceway will be newly "groomed" for Sunday's action.

# *In Auto Races Here Today*

10-1-1950



Tommy Hinnershitz of Cley, Pa., shown in the inset of the auto race scene above, will be the man to beat at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds

mile track this afternoon. The East Coast AAA champ heads a field of a score or more drivers slated to complete in today's program lined up by Promoters Sam Nunis.

# Fair Auto Races Today

## Attract 20 Top Drivers

The annual thrill of "Auto Race Day" returns to the New Jersey State Fair Grounds this afternoon with seven events scheduled to highlight "moving day" at the Fair.

Twenty speed chauffeurs of State and national acclaim are set for the action which offers a big 25-mile New Jersey State Fair sweepstakes as top attraction. Other events include qualifying time trials, three eight-mile heat races, a special match race, and a 10-mile consolation grind. The time trials hum at 1 o'clock and the races open at 2:30.

Tommy Hinnershitz, East Coast AAA champion, will defend his title against such aces as Lee Wallard, Indianapolis star; Mike Nazaruk, new AAA sensation, and Otis Stine, "hot" contender, on the fair bill. Both Nazaruk and Stine won over the titleholder in recent races.

Hinnershitz will depend on the \$18,000 Offenhauser formerly owned by the late Ted Horn to bring victory this afternoon. He's out to turn the tables on Stine and Nazaruk and lay claim to a second eastern championship.

Wallard will drive the famed "29" Offenhauser owned by Ralph Malamud, of Brooklyn, while Nazaruk and Stine also will pilot noted "Offeys." Cars in the fair field are estimated to range from \$250,000 to \$300,000 in cost.

While Hinnershitz will seek to erase his own local mark of five minutes 40.35 seconds for

eight miles, this afternoon's entire cast will wing after the 25-mile record of 18 minutes 41.72 seconds posted last year by the late Jimmy Gibbons.

Other "name" drivers entered include Hank Rogers, Mark Light, Ray Sherman, Mark Sooley, Bob Cooney, Speed McFee and Buster Keller.

Lineup of drivers and cars:

| Car No. | Driver            | Make Car    |
|---------|-------------------|-------------|
| 1       | Tommy Hinnershitz | Offenhauser |
| 5       | Mark Light        | Offenhauser |
| 7       | Buster Warks      | Offenhauser |
| 8       | Hank Rogers       | Offenhauser |
| 21      | Bill Gouse        | Hal Special |
| 25      | Warren Bates      | Hal Special |
| 26      | Otis Stine        | Offenhauser |
| 28      | Carl Becker       | Hal Special |
| 29      | Lee Wallard       | Offenhauser |
| 38      | Mike Nazaruk      | Offenhauser |
| 38      | Wally Campbell    | Riley       |
| 45      | Ray Sherman       | Offenhauser |
| 46      | Tut Moore         | McDowell    |
| 53      | Mark Sooley       | Hal Special |
| 76      | Buster Keller     | McDowell    |
| 82      | Bob Arndt         | Hal Special |
| —       | Carl Anderson     | Hal Special |
| —       | Jack Robbins      | Hal Special |
| —       | Speed McFee       | Hal Special |
| —       | Bob Cooney        | Hal Special |

10-1-1950

# Auto Races Slated Here On April 22

4-8-1951

The Eastern AAA auto racing season, which opens today at the Reading Fair track, will really swing into high gear Sunday, April 22, when the one-mile track at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds ups the curtain on its 1951 calendar.

According to promoter Sam Nunis, the Trenton Fair opener will be the first big-car meet sanctioned by the American Automobile Association on a mile track this year. On the program will be the qualifying time trials, four eight-mile heat races, a three-mile match go and a 25-mile feature. The time trials will start at 1 p. m. and the first race at 2:30 p. m.

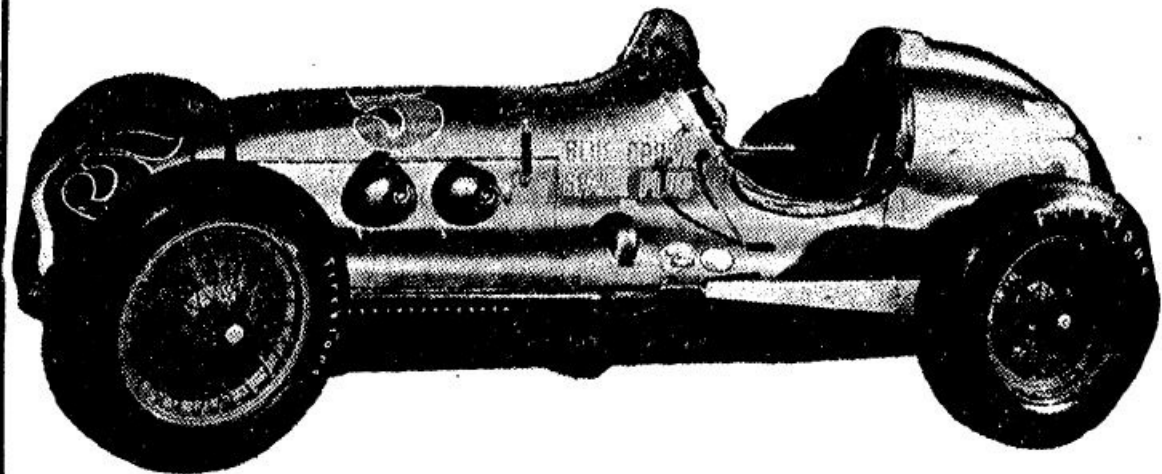
From all indications, this year's opener should attract the largest crowd ever to attend a race at the spacious Fair Grounds layout. Reserved and box seat tickets will go on sale this week in various downtown business establishments and at the track itself.

Drivers to whom entry blanks have been mailed include Johnny Parsons, 1950 Indianapolis victor; Tommy Hinnershitz, others. In last year's June 4 opener here, Parsons proved Indianapolis winners can be more than prima donnas on dirt with two sterling finishes, in the heat and feature races.

Ruttman, only 23, is the first human ever to travel over 116 miles an hour on a 5/8-mile track. His time of 19.24, set at Oakland, Cal., last January, is recognized as a world's record for the one-lap distance.



4-15-1951



## **The Blue Crown Racing Car**

**Special #22 scheduled to race at Indianapolis May 30th will be on exhibition all day—Charles Marant, the owner, will be here to greet you and tell you all about this famous car.**

**Charles Marant and Wally Campbell operate a garage at 225 Chambers Street, Trenton, N. J.  
They specialize in motor tune up.**

# Rivals In Race Here Sunday



**Johnny Parsons** 4-18-1951



**Troy Ruttman**

First and 15th in last year's Indianapolis 500-mile classic, Parsons and Ruttman will be among the favorites in Sunday's program of AAA big car races at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds one mile track here. Both are Californians. Parsons hails from Van Nuys and Ruttman from Lynwood, a suburb of

Los Angeles. Ruttman, who just turned 21 last month, finished 15th at Indianapolis last year, despite a qualifying crash that hospitalized him for two weeks prior to the big race. Parsons was last year's surprise winner at Indianapolis. He and Ruttman are leading rivals for AAA honors this season.

# Jersey Drivers Seek Honors In Star-Studded Race Field

Two New Jerseyites — Bob Cooney of Mt. Holly and Johnny Matera of Rahway — will be in the starting lineup Sunday when the 1951 auto racing season opens at the State Fair Grounds with a seven-event program of AAA big car races.

Cooney, who finished 13th in 1950's Eastern AAA standings, will drive a Hal owned by Sportsman Fred Hudson of Charlotte, N. C. Matera will steer his own Mac Dowell. Matera was in 23d place when the Eastern season closed last October.

Other drivers already entered are Johnny Parsons, last year's winner of the Indianapolis 500-mile classic, one-legged Bill Schindler, Mike Nazaruk, Buzz Barton, Eastern AAA Champion Tommy

Hinnershitz, Mark Light, Larry Bloomer, Bob Scott, Ed Terry, Buster Warke and Troy Ruttman, the most colorful driver to emerge in the post-war era.

On April 8, Schindler, the former four-time national midget-car champion, jumped out ahead in the Eastern AAA point race when he copped both the 30-lap feature and a ten-lap heat race at Reading, Pa.

Last year Bill wound up ninth in the standings. This, however, wasn't due to his driving ability but to the fact that he couldn't compete in many of the meets because of other commitments.

Despite the rainouts imposed on the last three season openers here, State Fair Grounds officials are expecting a crowd of more than 20,000 to be on hand Sunday.

The program will consist of the qualifying time trials, four eight-mile heat races, a three-lap match event and a 25-mile feature. The trials start at 1 p. m. and the first race at 2:30.

4-18-1951

# Ruttman, Schindler Resume Racing Rivalry Here Today

It will be youth versus age when 21-year-old Troy Ruttman and 43-year-old Bill Schindler slug it out for Eastern AAA dirt track supremacy in the season's opening big car race meet on the one-mile track at the State Fair Grounds this afternoon.

Schindler, a one-legged speedster and four-time national midget car champion, opened the season by grabbing the feature and a heat race at Reading, Pa., Ruttman, of Lynwood, Calif., came right back last Sunday at Williams Grove, Pa., to bag the feature there while his rival was running third.

Although very young as far as race drivers are concerned, Ruttman already is being considered for a ranking as the greatest dirt-track driver of all time. In 1949 and '50, his first two seasons of competition, he finished second in the Midwestern AAA standings and only accidents prevented him from annexing the title.

## Ruttman's Debut Here

In reality, there's little to choose between the two speedsters this afternoon. Ruttman will be making his first Trenton appearance and the track will be new to him. This, however, shouldn't hurt his chances since he has already taken a few warm-up laps on the mile oval and has declared it to his liking.

Schindler, on the other hand, is a cagey veteran with at least 17 years of dirt track experience. His batting average here is .500—one win in two starts. It might be 1.000 but for a faulty piston ring on June 4, 1950.

## Schindler's Lead Slim

According to James Lamb, AAA Contest Board secretary, this year's chase for the Eastern title should be the hottest in history. This afternoon's meet will be an important factor in the outcome. Points are awarded on a basis of two for every winning mile and are graded down to .3 of a point for a tenth-place mile. Schindler currently leads Ruttman, 83 to 81.2.

4-22-1951

The victory in the 25-mile feature, however, may just as easily fall to some of the other drivers in the 20-man starting field. Tommy Hinnershitz, defending two-time champion, is long overdue and cannot be ignored. Another definite threat is Johnny Parsons, last year's Indianapolis 500-mile winner. The latter was quite spectacular in his Trenton debut last June. Hinnershitz has copped four out of six features here in the last two years.

Others who may give the top four trouble this afternoon are George Fonder, Ed Terry and Buzz Barton. Fonder will drive the same car in which the late Jimmy Gibbons set the 25-lap record of 18:41.72 here in 1949.

In addition to the feature races, this afternoon's program will include the qualifying time trials,

four eight-mile heat races and a three-mile match race. The time trials will start at 1 p. m. and the first race at 2:30 p. m. In case of rain, the meet will be held over until Sunday, May 6.

## The lineup:

Bill Schindler, Freeport, N. Y., Offenhauser.

Troy Ruttman, Lynwood, Calif., Offenhauser.

Tommy Hinnershitz, Reading, Pa., Offenhauser.

Johnny Parsons, Van Nuys, Calif., Autobrite Special.

George Fonder, Lansdale, Pa., Offenhauser.

Bob Scott, Ontario, Calif., Offenhauser.

Hank Rogers, Fords, N. J., Offenhauser.

Otis Stine, York, Pa., Offenhauser.

Buzz Barton, Tulsa, Okla., Offenhauser.

Ed Terry, Plainfield, N. J., Offenhauser.

Mike Nazaruk, Freeport, N. Y., Offenhauser.

Mark Light, Lebanon, Pa., Offenhauser.

Carl Anderson, Arlington, Va., Offenhauser.

Joe Barzda, New Brunswick, N. J., Riley.

Bob Cooney, Mt. Holly, N. J., Hal.

Bill Gouse, Avon, Pa., Hal.

Al Hergen, Allentown, Pa., Hal.

Bob Arndt, Allentown, Pa., Arndt Special.

Johnny Matera, Rahway, N. J., Mac Dowell.

Merrill Martin, Richmond, Va., Hal.

Carl Becker, Palmyra, Pa., Ford.

# Ruttman Cracks 2 Auto Records

4/23/1951

TRENTON, April 22.—Troy Ruttman, Lynwood, Calif., set a big-car track record at New Jersey State Fairgrounds one-mile track today. Ruttman sped to victory in the 25-mile feature of the AAA sprint auto race program. His time of 18:14.22 eclipsed the previous mark of 18:41.72 established by the late Jimmy Gibbons in May, 1949.

Ruttman, despite his record-breaking time, was pressed to the limit. Johnny Parsons, Van Nuys, Calif., winner of the 1950 Indianapolis classic, passed Ruttman early on the last lap. Ruttman, however, had sufficient reserve to regain the lead and win. Parsons finished a close second.

Tommy Hinnershitz, Reading, rallied in the final mile to overtake Bill Schindler, one-legged driver from Freeport, L. I. Hinnershitz thereby placed third and Schindler fourth. Buzz Barton, Tulsa, Okla., finished fifth, followed by Buster Warke, Allentown, Pa.; Bill Gouse, Boiling Springs, Pa., and Joe Barzda, New Brunswick, N. J.

Fastest of the time trials—40.01 by Parsons—also set a record for the mile oval.

Ruttman, Parsons, Warke and Schindler won eight-mile qualifying heats that preceded the 25-mile feature.

The program, marred by wind and rain, was witnessed by a turnout of about 5000.

The summaries follow:

FIRST QUALIFYING HEAT, 8 miles: 1, Troy Ruttman, Lynwood, Calif.; 2, Ed Terry, Plainfield, N. J. 5:40.54.

SECOND QUALIFYING HEAT, 8 miles: 1, Johnny Parsons, Van Nuys, Calif.; 2, Tommy Hinnershitz, Reading; 3, Larry Bloomer, Norristown, Pa. 5:42.33.

THIRD QUALIFYING HEAT, 8 miles: 1, Buster Warke, Allentown, Pa.; 2, Buzz Barton, Tulsa, Okla. 6:11.32.

CONSOLATION, 8 miles: 1, Bill Schindler, Freeport, L. I.; 2, Bob Cooney, Mt. Holly, N. J.; 3, Johnny Matera, Rahway, N. J. 6:35.17.

FEATURE, 25 miles: 1, Ruttman; 2, Parsons; 3, Hinnershitz; 4, Schindler; 5, Barton; 6, Warke; 7, Bill Gouse, Boiling Springs, Pa.; 8, Joe Barzda, New Brunswick, N. J. 18:14.22. (track record).

BEST TIME TRIAL: Parsons, 40.01 for one mile (track record).



# TROY RUTTMAN ON RAMPAGE

## SETS NEW RECORD

TRENTON, N. J., April 24th. — Troy Ruttman, the latest California racing comet, streaked around the New Jersey Fair Grounds mile track like lightning Sunday afternoon. And, like lightning, Ruttman found himself right at home in rainfall. He streaked through a drizzle to a new track record for a 25-mile feature event.

Ruttman negotiated 25 spins around the Fair Grounds oval in 18 minutes, 14.22 seconds, this eclipsed by 27½ seconds almost half a minute—the previous mark of 18:41.72, set in May, 1949, by the late Jimmy Gibbons.

Rain started falling at the outset of Sunday's feature, prompting AAA officials to wonder for awhile whether to allow the race to start. The drizzle made no difference to Ruttman. The 21-year-old Californian just pushed his throttle to the floor and grabbed the lead on the first turn. He did let up a little on his last few laps—and the let-up almost cost him the race.

As Troy coasted around the first turn of his 25th and final lap, a fellow Californian—Johnny Par-

sons, winner of last year's Indianapolis 500-mile classic—ranged up alongside. Parsons actually nosed out in front of Ruttman—but not for long. Troy roared back into first place in the backstretch and maintained his slight lead across the finish line. Parsons was an extremely close second. The audience of some 5,000 thus was treated to a rip-roaring finish.

Another keen duel developed for third position. One-legged Bill Schindler of Freeport, L. I., held

the No. 3 spot for 24 of the 25 laps of the race. On the last time around, however, the defending Eastern AAA champ — Tommy Hinnershitz of Reading — rallied just enough to nose Schindler out.

Many persons left the Fair Grounds believing Schindler had

finished third but the final official checkup by AAA officials showed differently the third and fourth place cars were lapped several times by the high-flying Californians Ruttman and Parsons.

### Takes Liking to Track

"I like this track," said the youthful Ruttman as he signed autographs after the race. "A lot of people told me this track would be tough, but I liked it. The rain? That didn't bother me a bit. I've driven in worse conditions."

Ruttman said he had no idea Parsons was so close to him until he saw Johnny's Autobrite Special range up alongside on the final lap.



JOHNNY PARSONS

"Then I really had to get going," Troy said with a smile. Ruttman hails from Lynwood, near Los Angeles and Parsons is from Van Nuys, Calif.

### Record Time Trail

Parsons gave a hint of his prowess by turning in the fastest time trail in Fair Grounds mile track history his 40:01 spin around the track was four-hundredths of a second swifter than 40:05 turned in by Schindler in 1949.

The three best other time trails Sunday were Ruttman's 40.44, Schindler's 40.80 and 40.98 by Otis Stine of York, Pa.

1st heat (8 miles)—Troy Ruttman, Ed Terry, Time: 5:40.54.

2nd heat (8 miles)—Johnny Parsons, Tommy Hinnershitz, Larry Bloomer. Time: 5:42.33.

3rd heat (8 miles)—Buster Warke, Buzz Barton. Time: 6:11.32.

Consolation (8 miles)—Bill Schindler, Bob Cooney, Johnny Matera. Time: 6:35.17.

Feature (25 miles)—Ruttman, Parsons, Hinnershitz, Schindler, Barton, Warke, Bill Gouse, Joe Barzda, Time: 18:14.22. (track record).

BEST TIME TRIAL: Parsons, 40:01 for one mile (track record).



# Trenton Owner Points For Indianapolis



Charlie Marant of Trenton stands proudly by his Blue Crown Special racing car, which will be sent to Indianapolis on Friday. Marant has hopes of becoming the first Trenton owner ever to win the Indianapolis Speedway 500-mile classic. The race takes place Memorial Day, May 30. Wally Campbell, Tren-

ton stock car driver, smilingly occupies the driver's seat of Marant's car in the above photo. Campbell is associated with Marant in the operation of a Chambers Street garage. George Connor of Los Angeles will be Marant's driver in the 500-miler on May 30 at Indianapolis.

# Indianapolis Race Victory Marant Goal

Charlie Marant, Trenton owner of an Indianapolis 500-mile race entry, will leave Friday for the scene of the annual May 30 speed classic.

Marant will transport to Indianapolis Speedway the sleek Blue Crown Special. The car has been on public display at the Chambers Street garage operated by Marant and his partner, Wally Campbell.

Campbell, one of Trenton's leading stock car drivers, will be one of Marant's many well-wishers when Charlie heads westward.

"I'd like to be going to Indianapolis, too," said the 24-year-old Wally with a grin, "but I'll stick to stock cars for a while yet."

Campbell, who will be 25 on July 16, has built his own stock car racer, a Ford, and is campaigning with success on small Eastern tracks. Wally has won four of six main events in which he has participated to date. He set track records at Delmar, Del., and Georgetown, Del. He is looking forward to a busy season at Langhorne Speedway. He probably will compete in the stock car program scheduled at the Flemington Fair Grounds on May 6.

## Marant Confident

Marant, meanwhile, is confident that his Blue Crown Special will be among the top contenders in the 500-mile classic May 30. A victory, of course, would be the realization of Charlie's fondest ambition.

The Marant machine finished eighth last year at Indianapolis. At that time, however, ownership of the car was shared by Lou Moore of Ventura, Calif., and Marant. Following last year's race, Moore decided to dispose of all of his racing cars. Marant bought Moore's interest in the four-cylinder job that Charlie hopes will win the race this year.

## Connor To Drive

As Marant heads westward from Trenton Friday, George Connor of Los Angeles, the driver of the car, will head eastward from California. They plan to meet at Indianapolis about May 1. Qualifying for the Hoosier classic begins about the second week in May.

Cars in which Moore had an interest finished second, sixth and eighth in last year's 500-miler, won by Johnny Parsons of Van Nuys, Calif.

Parsons will be back in this year's classic, driving a car owned by Ed Walsh of St. Louis.

After several years of association with Moore as mechanic

and partner, Marant is happy to be sole owner of his own racing car.

"This is my big ambition," he said as he readied plans for Friday's departure.

## 68 Cars Nominated

Marant's car is one of 68 nominated for the Hoosier classic. Only the 33 best qualifying times will win starting positions in the race. This will be the first objective of Connor and Marant when they reach Indianapolis. Marant, however, is supremely confident that his car will travel fast enough to qualify.

Among Connor's prospective rivals at Indianapolis are three of the first four drivers to finish this past Sunday's AAA 25-mile race at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds. Troy Ruttman, winner of the Trenton feature, will be at the wheel of one of the two Indianapolis cars owned by J. C. Agajanian of San Pedro, Calif. Ruttman hails from Lynwood, Calif., and is only 21 years of age. Parsons finished second to Ruttman in the Trenton 25-miler. Bill Schindler, one-legged driver from Freeport, L. I., placed fourth. Schindler is slated to drive the Chapman Special, owned by H. A. Chapman of Tulsa, Okla., at Indianapolis.

In addition to Marant, the only other New Jerseyan on the Indianapolis list of owners is Joe Barzda of New Brunswick.

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# George Connor Gains Berth In 500-Miler

5-20-1951

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INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — George Connor of Los Angeles, Calif., driving a Blue Crown Special owned by **Charles Marant** of Trenton, qualified yesterday for a spot in the 500-Mile Memorial Day race here.

Connor toured the oval at the rate of 133.353 miles an hour and gained a spot in the seventh row.



# *Fair Grounds Racing Card Next Sunday*

6-3-1951

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A program of stock car races will be presented next Sunday afternoon on the New Jersey State Fair Grounds mile track. The promoter for the occasion will be Tommy Garbac of Bound Brook. Garbac has staged several successful stock car events at the Flemington Fair half-mile track. He believes that the Trenton mile track will be a splendid base of operations for the stock car speedsters.

Among the drivers who are expected to compete will be the daring Di Natale brothers, Rocky and Chick, of Trenton; Paul Barbiche, Flemington, and Len Brown, Lambertville.

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## Connor, Marant Luck Poor

The Indianapolis racing car owned by Charles Marant of Trenton and driven by Californian George Connor was destined to poor luck in last Wednesday's 500-mile speed classic. Marant's machine was given 30th place among the 33 starters in the big Indianapolis race. Connor was forced out of the grind after about 35 laps — approximately 100 miles — of the classic. The car, a Blue Crown Special, developed motor trouble that could not be repaired in time to re-enter the race. The Marant-Connor share of the record \$207,650 prize money was \$1,882.13. Lee Wallard of Altamont, N. Y., the surprise winner of the classic, received a record cash purse of \$63,612.12.

Trenton racing fans, while sympathizing with Marant and Connor, have cause to glory in Wallard's triumph. Lee has been a competitor at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds track numerous times in recent years. Usually he has been forced to take a back seat to such consistent dirt track winners as Joie Chitwood, the late Ted Horn or Troy Ruttman, winner of the most recent Trenton race. At Indianapolis, however, Wallard had his big inning. He found himself at the wheel of a car that had both speed and endurance. Lee was just the driver to guide that combination to victory at record speed.

Lee likes auto racing and won't be one to let his Indianapolis success deter him from other ventures. He proved that by entering today's dirt track program at Reading, Pa. He probably will be at Langhorne June 24 and at Trenton during the New Jersey State Fair Week in September.

# Stock Car Pilots To Clash Sunday At Trenton, N. J.

6/5/1951

TRENTON, N. J., June 5th — With many of the East's leading stock car aces already entered in a complete 6 event card at the Trenton Fairgrounds on Sunday afternoon June 10th. Under the direction of promoter Tommy Garbac of Bound Brook, N. J. The popular promoter of races at Flemington has gone all out to make this event outstanding in the history of the Trenton Fairgrounds one mile dirt track.

Garbac has gained a very popular notoriety with this type of stock car races he has promoted in the past. His races have always won the praise of his patrons and this being his first modified stock car race at Trenton, he is sure of winning new friends and fans for the fastest speed sport on earth. The chief attraction for the drivers will be the prize money to be won and this attests to the desire of the Garbac Promotions to give the best possible stock car race, with thrills, chills and spills. Time trials 12:30 and races at 2:30 P. M.

# Campbell Looms Threat In Races At Fair Sunday

Wally Campbell, one of Trenton's foremost stock car drivers, is expected to be among the entries in Promoter Tom Garbac's program Sunday at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds.

Garbac, who promotes regularly at the Flemington Fair half-mile track, decided that a speed program on the mile track at Trenton might prove to be just to the liking of stock car fans. The idea will be given a whirl Sunday and Campbell is one of the many drivers who have been invited by Garbac to compete.

## Drives His Own Car

Campbell is associated with Charlie Marant, Trenton race car owner, in the operation of a Chambers Street garage. During his spare time Wally keeps his own stock car, a '38 Ford, in racing trim. He has proved a consistent threat this year in races at several Delaware tracks and at Wall Stadium, Belmar. He looms a stern threat for top honors here Sunday.

Marant owns the Blue Crown Special car that George Connor of Los Angeles drove at Indianapolis on Memorial Day. The car developed motor trouble early in the race and Marant had to be content with 30th place in the field of 33 starters. Only six cars finished the 500-mile grind.

## Won Soap Box Derby

Campbell's interest in racing began in 1939, when he was 12 years old and served as an apprentice mechanic after school. He entered a soap box derby and won it. In the years that followed, Campbell's mechanical ability developed along with his love for

speed. In 1943, his racing career was temporarily halted when he entered the Navy. In 1945, when released from service, he returned to competitive racing.

His first speed event was midget racing at Mahoney City, Pa. The following year he gained knowledge of driving on the different type surfaces throughout the East and began capturing feature events at midget and stock car races. In 1948, in addition to driving stock cars, he joined Jole Chitwood's thrill show and became a featured motorcycle stunt man. Wally's most successful year of racing was 1949. He won 26 feature events and didn't finish worse than third all that year. Campbell has competed in more than 630 races, including five 200-mile events.

Time trials will start at 12:30 Sunday at the Fair Grounds. The first race is slated for 2:30 p. m.

6-6-1951



# Stock Cars Await Mile Track Here

6-7-1951

The mile track at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds has been the scene of almost every type of racing in recent years. Harness races and big car AAA auto races are presented every year during Fair Week. Motorcycle and midget auto races have been tried in previous years. Thrill shows by such headliners as Joie Chitwood, Jack Koch-

man and Irish Horan have entertained Fair Week audiences.

Modified stock car racing will join the Fair Grounds parade of sports on Sunday. The races will be staged by Tommy Garbac, energetic promoter from Bound Brook. Following a series of successful ventures on Flemington Fair's half-mile track, Garbac has decided to stage a stock car program at the Trenton mile track. Time trials will start at 12:30 Sunday and the first competitive race at 2:30.

Garbac has invited all of the leading stock car drivers in this area to compete. Included among those invited are the many Trenton drivers who have made names for themselves at

the various tracks. The Di Nare are expected to be in the thick of the speed scramble along with Wally Campbell, Tommy Coates, Nelson Applegate and many others.

## Zuccarella in Debut

Johnny Zuccarella, former Trenton amateur boxer, has decided to take a fling at stock car racing. He will be among Sunday's entries. He will pilot a '39 Ford owned by the Inter-State Paper Stock Company of Trenton.

Garbac, as usual, will have his races handicapped according to time trials. The fastest cars will start in the rear of the field in each event.

# Trenton Drivers Eye Honors At Fair Grounds On Sunday

Trenton's legion of stock car pilots have an opportunity to dominate a hometown program Sunday. The occasion will be Promoter Tommy Garbac's program of modified stock car races on the New Jersey State Fair Grounds one-mile track. Time trials will commence at 12:30 o'clock and the first competitive event at 2:30.

Trenton's well known drivers—Chick and Rocky Di Natale, Tommy Coates, Wally Campbell, Vince Cannizzaro and Nelson Applegate — have been invited to join Sunday's competition. Most of them undoubtedly will be in the thick of the scramble.

## **Piccinetti Files Entry**

Garbac also has received the entries of several newcomers. Among them are two former Trenton amateur boxers — Tony Piccinetti and Johnny Zuccarella. Piccinetti will drive a 1937 Ford that he purchased earlier this year from Wally Campbell. Tony piloted his car at Flemington Memorial Day and was involved in a three-car collision. He escaped with minor bruises.

Zuccarella, North Trenton speedster, will drive a '39 Ford owned by the Inter-State Paper Stock Company.

## **Bob Gamble Ready**

An ex-Trenton driver who hopes to add to his laurels here Sunday will be Bob Gamble of Bound Brook. This is Bob's second season of stock car racing. He won the consolation race of the Memorial Day card on Fleming-

ton's half-mile track. He also figured prominently in last Sunday's program at Nazareth, Pa., setting a new time trial record, winning his qualifying event and finishing a close second to Harold Brokaw in a match race. A life-long resident of Trenton until last year, Bob attended St. Mary's School, Holy Angels and Trenton Catholic High. He now helps his father operate a store and machine shop in Bound Brook.

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## Races Here Today



**Bob Gamble**

Former Trenton resident, now living in Bound Brook, Gamble will be one of the entries in today's program of modified stock car races on the New Jersey State Fair Grounds one mile track. Time trials start at 12:30 and the first actual race at 2:30 o'clock.

# Stock Car Races Today At Fair Grounds Track

More than 50 of the East's stock car drivers are expected to compete in a modified stock car race program at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds today. Feature of the seven-event card will be a 30-lap main around the one-mile dirt oval.

Time trials are to get under way at 12:30 p. m. (EDT), with the first competitive event listed for 2:30. Races will be under the direction of Tommy Garbac. Competition is open to all registered drivers.

Among the favored entries are Trenton's Wally Campbell, 1950 point scoring champion; Trenton's Di Natale brothers, Rocky and Chick; Lucky Loux, Trenton's Tommy Coates, Pete Harris, Tommy Finley, Kingston, R. I.; Harry McDonald, Pottstown, Pa. and Pepper Cunningham of Trenton.

Other threats include: Al Collins, Camden, N. J.; Paul Barblische, Flemington; Vince Canlizarro, Trenton; two aces from Reading, Pa., Irving Blatz and Harold Brokhoff; Al Peters, Hopelawn, N. J. and Eddie Ader, brother of Walt Ader, noted big-car and midget race driver.

Trenton is recognized as the

fastest one-mile dirt auto race track in New Jersey. The oval has been completely reconditioned for today's stock car program.

Among the lesser known entries, all striving for upset victories, will be Bob Gamble of Bound Brook, who formerly lived in Trenton, and two former Trenton amateur boxers — Tony Piccinetti and Johnny Zuccarella. Gamble and Piccinetti both competed at Flemington on Memorial Day. Gamble won the consolation race on that holiday card. Piccinetti had his car out in front in one of the Flemington races but then had the misfortune to become involved in a three-car crash. He escaped with bruises.

Zuccarella will be making his debut in stock car racing competition this afternoon. He hopes to add his name to Trenton's fast-growing colony of stock car aces.

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## ***Rain Postpones Races And Chitwood Show***

Yesterday's rain postponed the stock car races at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds and the Joie Chitwood thrill show at Langhorne Speedway. Both events were rescheduled for next Sunday afternoon.

Promoter Tommy Garbac announced that the same field of drivers slated to compete on the Fair Grounds mile oval yesterday will be intact for June 17.

The Chitwood show will consist of an airplane crash into the side of a house in addition to the usual auto thrillers.

Friday night racing at Langhorne will be discontinued for the next couple of weeks in order for the new fifth-of-a-mile track to be resurfaced.



# Stock Cars Race Here On Sunday

The stock car racing program that was rained out last week will take place Sunday at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds mile track. Promoter Tommy Garbac has lined up a card that calls for open competition. He believes that this plan will enable Trenton fans to see a much larger field of cars than the average race program attract.

A seven event program is planned, with a 30-lap feature over the one mile dirt track.

The postponement is expected to improve rather than detract from the meet, since additional entries have already been received. The original field of drivers and cars has been augmented by at least ten additional competitors.

On the list are Wally Campbell, of Trenton, 1950 national point champion; Rocky and Chick Di Natale, Lucky Loux, Tommy

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Coates, Pepper Cunningham, Pete Harris, Al Collins, of Camden, N. J.; Paul Barbiche, Flemington, and two aces from Reading, Pa.—Irving Blatz and Harold Brokoff.

Also regarded at top threats are Tommy Finley, Kingston, Rhode Island; Harry McDonald, Pottstown, Pa.; Vince Cannizarro, Trenton, N. J.; Al Peters, Hopelawn, N. J.; Eddie Ader, Bernardsville, N. J. and Roscoe (Pappy) Hough, Paterson, N. J.

Time trials will get under way at 12:30 o'clock with the first competitive event scheduled for 2:30 p. m.

# Wide Range of Drivers In Sunday's Races Here

Sunday's stock car racing program at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds probably will attract drivers from a dozen different States. Promoter Tomy Garbac has rescheduled the races. The program originally was listed for last week but was prevented by rain.

Trenton will be represented by Wally Campbell, 1950 national point champion; Pepper Cunningham, Vince Cannizarro, Nelson Applegate, Lee McBride, Bernard Scanlon, Bill Scanlon, Tony Piccinetti, Johnny Zuccarella and possibly others.

## Many Jersey Drivers

Other jerseyites who will compete against the home town contingent include Frankie Schneider, Lambertville; Frank Holzhauer, Lakewood; Ed Rooney, Hackettstown; Pete Frazee, Belmar; Ronnie Kohler, Paterson; Bill Pfister, Eatontown; Paul Barbiche, Flemington; Al Peters, Hopelawn; Ed Soden, Red Bank; Eddie Ader, Bernardsville; Bob Gamble, Bound Brook; Frank and John Mesica, Perth Amboy; Al Collins, Camden, and Bob Read of Hope, N. J.

Pennsylvania, of course will have a strong delegation. Among

the Keystone Starters are Red Tomlinson, Langhorne; Al Tibbetts, Sellersville; Bill Smith, Willow Grove; Harry McDonald, Pottstown, and Irving Blatz and Harold Brokhoff, both of Reading.

From Bristol, Conn., will come Dick Egan and Holly Bunn; from Mapleville, Rhode Island, Tom Finley; from Spartansburg, South Carolina, Hugue Langford, and from Greensboro, North Carolina, Johnny Grubb.

Sunday's seven-event program will feature a 30-lap main over the one-mile dirt track. Time trials are to start at 12:30 p. m., with the first competitive event listed for 2:30.

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## Stock Car Drivers To Race at Trenton

Trenton, N. J., June 16 — A championship stock car auto race program, rained out last week-end, is rescheduled for Trenton Fairgrounds today. The seven-event program, under the direction of Tommy Garbac, gets under way with qualifying time trials at 12:30 p. m., with the first-competitive test listed at 2:30. The feature will be a 30-lap main over the one-mile dirt track.

More than 80 of the leading stock car chauffeurs are expected to compete. The program calls for open competition.

Pennsylvania will be represented by Red Tomlinson, Langhorne; Al Tibbetts, Sellersville; Bill Smith, Willow Grove; Harry McDonald, Pottstown; Irving Blatz and **Harold Brokhoff**, both of Reading.

# Campbell and Schneider Among Stock Car Entries In Race Card Here Today



**Paul Barbiche**

Barbiche, who lives in nearby Flemington, will be among the entries in today's stock car races at the Trenton Fair Grounds. Time trials will start at 12:30 and the first competitive race at 2:30 o'clock.

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Wally Campbell, Trenton modified stock car ace, and Frankie Schneider, Lambertville's lead-footed throttle pusher, are slated to decide today at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds who's the true undisputed king of the modifieds. Campbell and Schneider last season met frequently in competition on the smaller 1/5-mile and 1/2-mile ovals and wound up their competitive season on nearly a par. During the Winter months Campbell's activity was largely restricted to indoor racing in the New York area. Schneider's name constantly headlined the Florida press as he burned up the Citrus Circuit to establish himself as undisputed king of the Winter resort area.

The two rivals, Schneider in the famous maroon Bohlander Special and Campbell in a totally new mount of his own design, will meet for the first time on a one-mile dirt oval this afternoon. Time trials will start at 12:30 o'clock and the first actual race at 2:30 p. m.

Among racing enthusiasts many consider today's test at Trenton Fair Grounds as one of the most important dates in this season's modified stock car racing circuit. It looms as the show-

down event between the two drivers who have been long outstanding rivals.

### Coates Pilots Marks' Car

However, Promoter Tommy Garbach of Bound Brook, N. J., has seen to it that Schneider and Campbell will have plenty of competition. Hop-up expert Wally Marks of Trenton, for whom Campbell drove for a period of years, has selected Tommy Coates to pilot the famous White No. 1 car.

The scheduled seven event card which was rained out last week has been further strengthened by the addition of several of New England's stellar drivers, including Tommy Fenley, Maple Grove, R. I., and Dick Egan and Holly Bunn, both of Bristol, Conn.

Pepper Cunningham of Trenton, who has been campaigning the South and Middle West, has been signed for the event along with such standouts as Ken Marriott, Baltimore, Md., 1950 Champion at Lanham, Md. track, Ernie Gessel, L. I., one-time AAA midget champion and now a standout in modified stock competition; Roscoe (Pappy) Hough, Paterson, N. J.; Mickey Rorer, Sellersville, Pa.;

Bill Chevalier, Sayersville, N. J., and such local stalwarts as Rocky and Chick DiNatale, Johnny Karp and Nelson Applegate of Trenton and Paul Barbiche, the flying lawyer of Flemington, N. J.

More than thirty top ranking modified stars are expected to compete in the seven event card which will wind up with a 30-mile main event.

In order to try to present a dustless show, a new type of calcium chloride has been used to treat the track.

Several boys who are new to the stock car racing scene will try to steal the spotlight from the better known drivers. Among those slated to compete this afternoon will be two former Trenton amateur boxers — Tony Piccinetti and Johnny Zuccarelle — and Bob Gamble, formerly of Trenton, now residing in Bound Brook.



# Eagan Cops Stock Car Main Race

6-18-1951

The luck of the Irish combined with the skill of a Connecticut stock car driver to turn yesterday's 25-mile feature race at the Fair Grounds into strictly an exhibition.

Pete Eagan of Springdale, Conn., grabbed the early lead and never was headed. His Ford car, painted green and white and with a No. 1 enclosed in a shamrock, streaked around the mile dirt oval 25 times in 23 minutes, 18.47 seconds.

Connecticut drivers took first and third spots in Promoter Tommy Garbac's feature. Hully Bunn of Bristol, Conn., finished third. The runnerup to Eagan was Lucky Loux of Quakertown, Pa. Eagan, Loux and Bunn were the only trio actually to complete 25 miles of racing. The rest were given by checkered flag and their positions computed by the number of laps they had completed.

## Campbell In Hard Luck

Wally Campbell, leader of the Trenton stock car contingent, was the hard luck hero of the race. Piloting the machine usually driven by Bill Gross of Philadelphia, Wally was in fourth place at the 24-mile mark of the race. On the backstretch of his final lap, however, the motor stalled and he was unable to finish.

Earlier in the program Campbell won the third qualifying heat, a 10-miler, in 9:01.10. This time, achieved in Gross' car, was the fastest 10 miles of the afternoon. Other qualifying event winners were Nelson Applegate, who divides his time between Trenton and Denville, N. J., Eagan and Al Tibbetts of Newportville, Pa.

## Several Cars Smashed

Numerous pileups, skids and fence crashes added to the excitement of the occasion for some 3,000 spectators. The chief casualties were the cars. Autos driven by Al Pomponio, Lakewood, and Jim Gosford, Laurence Harbor, N. J., were practically demolished in a six-car pileup that halted the consolation race for more than a half hour. The entire program was delayed so many times, mainly by crashes and subsequent restarts, that it was close to 7 o'clock by the time the feature event took place.

Frankie Schneider, Lambertville, and Jim Delany, Hope, N. J., were among the early contenders for second place in the feature. Schneider was forced out with a flat tire, however, and Delany's car stalled on the backstretch.

## Six In One Pileup

Three of the six cars involved in the consolation race pileup were Trenton area machines. They were driven by Pete Harris, Vince Cannizzaro and Tony Genovay. The other trio in the pileup were Pomponio, Gosford and Bill Loun of Holland, Pa.

Tibbetts crashed through the fence in the backstretch during the feature. His smashed car, minus a wheel, was towed back to the infield after the race. George Lidman of Ramsey, N. J., went through the outside fence on the backstretch turn.

Tommy Coates, driving the Trenton car owned by Wally Marks, gave a good account of himself in the early stages of the consolation event. The car developed clutch trouble, however, and Coates had to retire to the infield.

## Karp 3d In One Event

Johnny Karp, another of the many Trenton drivers on hand, finished third to Campbell and Bunn in the third qualifying heat.

The start of the feature, with 36 cars in action, was quite a spectacle to behold. Two of the cars—driven by Bill McCarthy, Red Bank, and Bob Gamble, Bound Brook—tangled on the first turn and had to be pried apart by a wrecker. This caused a restart for the entire field.

The official first ten finish, as determined by NASCAR officials under the direction of Bob Sall, was as follows: 1. Eagan, 2. Loux, 3. Bunn, 4. Nick Binder, Cheltenham, Pa.; 5. Ken Marriott, Baltimore; 6. McCarthy, 7. Bob Read, Hope, N. J.; 8. Gene Stonewall, Paterson; 9. Ed Judge, Union City, N. J.; 10. Bud Farrell, Shrewsbury, N. J.

Other starters in the feature included Angelo Lombardi, Trenton; Bill Brown, Paterson; Bill Scanton, Trenton; Bud Groner, Langhorne; Jim Metzler, Pottersville, N. J.; Doc Johnson, Belleville, N. J.; Newt Pick, Lebanon, N. J.; Bill Pfister, Eatontown, N. J.; Chick Di Natale, Trenton; Pee Wee Pobletts, Baltimore; Pete Frazee, Rahway; Johnny Dubois, Paterson; Bill Chevalier, Sayreville, N. J.; Smoky Stover, Trenton; Slim Tremblay, Norwich, Conn.; Bob Morse, Springfield, N. J., and Carl Kruger, Trenton.

Another Trenton driver, Mike Dudash, attempted to qualify but failed to finish the third heat.

## Stock Car Fans Complain

Stock car racing fans are still grumbling about last Sunday's system—or lack of system—in charging admissions to the Fair Grounds here . . . It seems that \$1.20 was the admission to the grounds only and a second \$1.20 was necessary to obtain entrance to the grandstand . . . Several spectators charged that they were led to believe that it would cost them only \$1.20 to see the races from the grandstand . . . Promoter Tommy Garbac would do well, if he operates again at the Fair Grounds, to list his admission prices clearly and let it be known well in advance just what the complete charge is to be for every type of ticket. 6-19-1951

## Auto Races April 27

Sunday, April 27, will mark the opening of the 1952 auto racing season as far as Trenton fans are concerned . . . Promoter Sam Nunis has arranged for an AAA-sanctioned big car speed program on the New Jersey State Fair **Grounds** mile track . . . The Eastern auto race season will open April 6 at the Reading, Pa., Fair Grounds half-mile oval . . . Williams Grove, Pa., another half-mile track, will have racing on the 20th, one week before the Trenton speed program . . . Other 1952 dates on the AAA calendar include August 31 and September 1 at the Flemington Fair and Sunday, September 28, at Trenton's New Jersey State Fair.

# Marant Enters Car In Classic 500-Mile Race

4-13-1952

INDIANAPOLIS —AP— A second entry by J. C. Agajanian of San Pedro, Calif., was one of four more cars added yesterday to the 55 entered for the 500-mile auto race May 30.

The new Agajanian Special, to be driven by Allen Heath of Northridge, Calif., will be similar to the Agajanian car which Walt Faulkner qualified at record speed in the 1951 race. It will round out the 12th two-car team entered in this year's race at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Karl Hall of Orleans, Ind., entered his Bardahl Special and named Frank Lupton of Tampa, Fla., as the driver.

No drivers were nominated for the Blue Crown Spark Plug Special entered by Charles Marant of Trenton, N. J., or the Vulcan Tool Special entered by Ralph Miller of Dayton, O.

Lupton and Heath are rookies to the Indianapolis Speedway, but both have raced extensively.



# AAA Stars To Clash Over Trenton One Miler Sun., April 27th

4/15/1952

TRENTON, N. J., April 15—The high-speed raceway here at the New Jersey State Fairgrounds will be the scene of the East's opening AAA auto races on a one-mile track, Sunday April 27, it was announced by AAA officials at Washington, D. C.

James H. Lamb, secretary of the AAA Contest Board, said that the one-mile opener will again be staged by Sam Nunis Speedways and is to feature the nation's best AAA drivers and cars. Nunis recently conducted the East's first AAA races on a half-mile track at Reading, Pa.

Already busy contacting the cream of speedway and dirt track drivers for the coming inaugural, Nunis announced that entry papers are now in the hands of virtually every big name pilot in the land. The popular racemaster is out to bring the Trenton fans added thrills this year and he has several new drivers and cars awaiting the "go" signal.

One of the ace newcomers which Nunis is seeking for action here is Frank Luptow, three-time IMCA circuit champion from Indianapolis, Ind. Luptow joined Three-A this spring and his meeting with the better known AAA stars here will attract keen interest.

Other aces being sought for the important opening here include Tommy Hinnershitz, Reading Pa., three-time Eastern AAA champion and recent winner at Reading; Bill Schindler, Freeport, L. I., N. Y.; Mike Nazaruk, East Hempstead, N. Y., second at Indianapolis last year; Gordon Reid, Burbank, Calif.; Joe James, Los Angeles, Calif.; George Rice, New England midget racing king from Milford, Conn., and Ottis Stine, York, Pa. A 25-mile race will head the seven-event inaugural bill.

# Barzda And Matera Set For Races

4-18-1952

Two Jersey drivers—Joe Barzda, New Brunswick and Johnny Matera, Elizabeth—are the most recent candidates for the AAA big car auto races here at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds on Sunday, April 27.

According to Sam Nunis, director of the Trenton events, Barzda has entered a Barzda Special. Matera has nominated a fast-moving Hal. Barzda also has entered a car in this year's 500-mile race at Indianapolis.

The Trenton events, first mile track auto races of the year in the East, are designed for regulation dirt track race cars. None of the cars dare exceed 220 cubic inches piston displacement. All of them must conform with specifications laid down by the contest board of the American Automobile Association.

Barzda and Matera are the sixth and seventh drivers to enter. Earlier candidates included Otis Stine, fourth ranking driver in the East last year; Jim Bryan, sensational young speed star from the Southwest; Ernie McCoy, former midget car sensation; and the big car veterans, Babe Moore and Mark Sooey.

The Trenton program will consist of seven events, and will include time trials, four six-mile heat races, a match race and a 25-mile sweepstakes final. Ten cars will be eligible to start in the final.

Promoter Sam Nunis plans to use reverse starts in the four heat races.

# Eastern AAA Champ Set To Race Here Next Week

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Tommy Hinnershitz, the big man of the Eastern auto tracks, will be back in action in the AAA big car auto races here at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds next Sunday, April 27.

This was disclosed last night by Sam Nunis, director of the Trenton races, who said Hinnershitz will drive his familiar blue Offenhauser in the events here.

Hinnershitz opened his bid for a fourth straight AAA Eastern dirt track championship in a race meet at Reading two weeks ago. Although he only finished third in an early heat event, he emerged victorious in the main event of the day by a wide margin.

The Reading man hopes to become the first man in history to win four AAA Eastern speed titles. Both he and the late Ted Horn won three in succession.

Holder of numerous speed records on tracks throughout the

country, Hinnershitz is the possessor of the 25-mile mark on the Trenton track. He established the existing record of 18:37.58 in the races at the New Jersey State Fair last September.

Among the Pennsylvania dutchman's adversaries in the forthcoming events here will be Ottis Stine, fourth ranking driver in the East last year, and Jim Bryan, a newcomer from the southwest. Stine finished second to Hinnerschitz in the 1950 AAA Eastern title chase.

The races next week are expected to attract more than 25 drivers and cars. Hinnershitz was the eighth driver to enter.

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# Speed Aces In Sunday's Event Here

Four of the drivers entered in this Sunday's AAA big car auto races here at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds were top money winners in last Sunday's big car races at Williams Grove, Pa.

Winner of the Williams Grove feature was Tommy Hinnershitz. Jim Bryan was second, with Mike Nazaruk third and Ottis Stine fourth. All are slated to make their next start in the races at Trenton.

Tommy, the reigning AAA Eastern dirt track champion, posted a new track mark of 13.18:91 in winning the 15-mile Williams Grove feature. He also emerged triumphant in an early heat event.

### **Bryan Phenomenal**

Despite Tommy's commendable showing, probably the most phenomenal feat was recorded by Bryan, the newcomer from the southwest. He started in last place in the feature, and succeeded in overtaking every driver in the race except the winner.

Other Trenton entries who placed in the money at Williams Grove were Eddie Sachs, Joe Barzda, Ben Smorto, Ernie McCoy, Carl Becker, Joe Matera and Bud Peiffer.

Bill Schindler, famed one-legged driver, who also is entered in the races here, encountered engine trouble at the "Grove" and was forced to sit out the main racing events. He qualified fifth in the time trials.

## Speed Threat Sunday



**Mike Nazaruk**

Third place finisher at Williams Grove, Pa., last Sunday, Nazaruk will be one of the leading threats in Sunday's program of big car AAA auto races on the New Jersey State Fair Grounds mile track.

4-23-1952



# Carter And Heath Enter Races Here

The entries of Indianapolis Speedway driver Duane Carter and Pacific coast speed star Allen Heath today swelled the starting field to 20 drivers for the AAA big car auto races at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds Sunday.

Carter and Heath, both stars of the banked tracks in the west, beat the Trenton entry deadline by just a few hours, Promoter Sam Nunis reported. Deadline for entries is midnight, tonight, but, in cases where circumstances warrant, entries will be accepted as late as the morning of the races.

Aside from the two newcomers, other topflight entrants include Eastern dirt track champion Tommy Hinnershitz, one-legged Bill Schindler, Indianapolis runnerup Mike Nazaruk, Jim Bryan and Ottis Stine.

## Bryan Second At Grove

Hinnershitz, who has yet to taste defeat this year, won last Sunday's inaugural speed events at Williams Grove, Pa., speedway. Bryan was second, Nazaruk third, and Stine fourth. Schindler, one of the top qualifiers, was forced out of the main racing events with a faulty motor.

Other signed up candidates for the Trenton races are Bill Gouse, Eddie Sachs, Carl Becker, Johnny Matera, Joe Matera, Ben Smorto, Merle Martin, Mary Soeey, Bud Peiffer, Frank Moore, Dick Fries, Joe Barzda and Ernie McCoy.

Seven events are scheduled, and the card will include time trials, four six-mile heat races, a match race with starters and distance to be announced, and a 25-mile sweepstakes feature. Time trials will begin at 1 p. m., and the first racing event gets under way at 2:30.

## Races Here Sunday



**Jim Bryan**

Speed flash from the Southwest—Phoenix, Ariz., to be exact — Bryan will compete in Sunday's big car AAA auto races on the Trenton Fair Grounds mile track. Bryan finished second last week at Williams Grove, Pa.

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# Trio of Speed Threats Here Today



Left to right above, inset on a view of the New Jersey State Fair Grounds race track, are Bill Schindler, Tommy Hinnerstiz and Duane Carter. They are three of the foremost threats in today's program of AAA big car auto races on the Trenton mile track. Schindler, the one-legged racing marvel, hails from Freeport, Long Island. Hinnerstiz, the Flying Dutchman from Reading, Pa., is defending Eastern AAA dirt track champion. Carter is from Burbank, Calif., and will be a West Coast threat for top honors in today's program of sprint events. Time trials will start at 1 o'clock and the first competitive race at 2:30, Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

# Big Cars In AAA Races

## Today At Fair Grounds;

### Nazaruk Seeks Laurels

The New Jersey State Fair Grounds mile track, only race course in the Philadelphia-Trenton-New York area to offer AAA big car auto racing this year, will swing into operation this afternoon. A card of seven sprint racing events will be staged by some of the top dirt track and speedway drivers in the country.

The events, first AAA big car races of the year on a mile track east of the Mississippi river, will feature a host of Indianapolis speedway drivers. One of them will be Mike Nazaruk, winner of second place money in the 500-mile race last year. Another will be one-legged Bill Schindler, a qualifier at Indianapolis in 1950 and '51.

Also entered are two AAA sectional dirt track champions, both of whom have won their spurs at Indianapolis. They are Tommy Hinnershitz, three-time

winner of the AAA Eastern dirt track crown, and Duane Carter, winner of the AAA Midwestern speed championship in 1950.

#### Expensive Machines

Lightning-fast and expensive race cars also will grace the inaugural program. Nazaruk will chauffeur the country's costliest speed wagon, an \$18,000 Offenhauser owned by Ted Nyquist, Reading, Pa. The car, known as the Berks Trailer Sales Special, was built in California last Winter by Barney Christiansen, former chief mechanic with Johnny Parsons, 1950 Indianapolis winner.

Other noted vehicles entered this afternoon include the newly-built \$15,000 Offey owned and driven by Hinnershitz, and the 99 Jr. Offey to be chauffeured by Carter. Hinnershitz has posted two wins in his blue No. 1 so far this season to take a wide lead in the Eastern AAA ranks. Carter's mount is a smaller edition of the Belanger 99 which won at Indianapolis last May. Carter already has been assigned to drive the big car at Indianapolis next month.

#### Bryan, Heath In Action

Two newcomers from the far west, Jim Bryan and Allen Heath, will be unveiled for the first time in these parts by Sam Nunis, director of the Trenton races. Bryan, a native of Phoenix, Ariz., was a fast-finishing second to Hinnershitz in last Sunday's big car races at Williams Grove, Pa. Heath's main bid to fame was a victory last Winter over Troy Ruttman, the star chauffeur from Compton, Calif. Heath resides in North Ridge, Calif.

This afternoon's program will get under way with time trials at 1 p. m. First of four six-mile heat racing events is scheduled at 2:30. The remainder of the card will include a special match race (with starters and distance to be announced) and a 25-mile sweepstakes feature.

The list of entries and type of car each will drive:

Tommy Hinnershitz, Reading, Pa., Offenhauser.  
Bill Schindler, Freeport, L. I., Offenhauser.  
Mike Nazaruk, Hempstead, L. I., Offenhauser.  
Duane Carter, Burbank, Calif., Offenhauser.  
Allen Heath, North Ridge, Calif., Offenhauser.  
Jim Bryan, Phoenix, Ariz., Offenhauser.  
Ottis Stine, York, Pa., Offenhauser.  
Eddie Sachs, Bryn Mawr, Pa., Hal.  
Ernie McCoy, Reading, Pa., Offenhauser.  
Carl Becker, Palmyra, Pa., Offen Cragar.  
Bill Gouse, Bolling Springs, Pa., Hal.  
Joe Barzda, New Brunswick, N. J., Cragar.  
Johnny Maters, Elizabeth, N. J., Hal.  
Joe Mattara, Deer Lake, Pa., Cragar.  
Ben Smorto, Ozone Park, N. Y., Hal.  
Merle Martin, Thurmont, Md., Cragar.  
Mark Soocy, Bridgeton, N. J., Hal.  
Bud Peiffer, Lebanon, Pa., Hal.  
Frank Moore, Silver Springs, Md., Cragar.  
Dick Fries, Reading, Pa., Hal.

# Big Car Racing At Trenton Today

4/27/1952

TRENTON, N. J., April 26.—New Jersey State Fairgrounds mile track, only race course in the Philadelphia-Trenton-New York area to offer AAA big car racing this year, will swing into operation here tomorrow with a card of seven sprint events staged by some of the top dirt track and speedway drivers in the country.



DUANE CARTER

The events, first AAA big car races of the year on a mile track east of the Mississippi River, will feature a host of Indianapolis drivers, including Mike Nazaruk, winner of second place money in the 500-mile race last year, and one-legged Bill Schindler, a qualifier at Indianapolis in 1950 and '51.

Recent rains will not interfere, according to Sam Nunis, director, because of the sandy nature of the track which, he says, will "drain in an hour."

Also entered are two AAA sectional dirt track champions, both of whom have won their spurs at Indianapolis. They are Tommy Hinnershitz, three-time winner of the AAA Eastern dirt track crown, and Duane Carter, winner of the AAA Midwestern speed championship in 1950.



## ***Auto Races Rained Out, Will Be Held May 25***

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Yesterday's scheduled big car AAA auto races at the **Trenton Fair Grounds** were rained out. Promoter Sam Nunis waited until mid-morning in the hope that the rain would stop. When the down-pour continued, he postponed the Fair Grounds program to May 25.

Stock car races slated for Langhorne Speedway yesterday were called off late Saturday afternoon due to the rainfall of the past several days. 4-28-1952

# Racing Date Here Carefully Chosen

5-14-1952

Members of America's high speed fraternity will make their belated 1952 appearance at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds mile track on Sunday, May 25.

The nation's top auto race drivers and their cars were originally scheduled to open the Trenton speed season, Sunday, April 27, but six days of continuous rain forced them to alter their plans.

The rain also forced Promoter Sam Nunis to select a new date for the Trenton opener, and he came up with the last Sunday in May as the best day to run.

With the Indianapolis Speedway qualifying runs scheduled to open this Sunday, May 18, Nunis reasoned quite a few speedway drivers would have qualified by May 25, and therefore would be free to race at Trenton.

Nunis is hopeful of having at least two Indianapolis regulars—Bill Schindler and Mike Nazaruk—on hand for the races here. Nazaruk finished second to winner Lee Wallard in the 500-mile grind last year.

The Trenton program, which is an exact replica of the one previously scheduled, is comprised of time trials, four six-mile heat races, a match race, and a 25-mile sweepstakes feature.

Nunis said the program will open with time trials at 1 p. m., Eastern daylight time. The first heat race will get under way at 2:30.

Grandstand reserved seats for the Trenton races are now on sale at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds office.

# Newcomers Seek Race Glory Here

5-20-1952

Nationally known drivers entered in the AAA big car auto races at the State Fair Grounds here Sunday have at least two newcomers to regard as threats.

The pair, Ted Corbett and Florie Fontano, from Staten Island, N. Y., are out to "crash" the big time impressively here. They have so advised Sam Nunis, race director. The New Yorkers have entered a pair of streaking Hal machines.

However, with the delayed Inaugural races picking up more topnotch entries each day, it is questionable whether or not the two newcomers will wind up at the pay window. A 25-mile Inaugural sweepstakes heads Sunday's fanfare, with qualifying time trials set for 1 p. m. and the first race for 2:30.

Already down to rival Corbett and Fontano for speed laurels here are such noted streakers as Ottis Stine, ex-East Coast AAA runnerup; Joe Barzda, Johnny Matera, Ernie McCoy, Mark Sooley, Bill Gouse, Joe Matera and Tommy Hinnershitz, three-time East Coast AAA champion.

Tommy, who is after his third win in four starts this year, currently holds an 18-point lead over his rivals in the East Coast AAA standings. Stine is fourth, and McCoy and Barzda sixth and seventh, respectively.

Director Nunis is now at Indianapolis seeking to recruit drivers who have already qualified for the Memorial Day 500-mile race. Nunis hopes to add at least two Indianapolis qualifiers to Sunday's high speed lineup here.

# AAA Big Car Pilots To Clash At Trenton Oval

5/20/1952

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Supporting the 25-mile feature will be four six-mile heat races, a special match race and the opening time trials. The program originally was scheduled for April 27, but was setback because of rain.



# Mile Track Debut At Trenton Sunday

5/21/1952

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# Twenty Entries Expected For Speed Races Sunday

At this time of year, the auto race spotlight naturally focuses on advance preparations for the 500-mile Memorial Day race at Indianapolis, but of more than passing concern to speed fans are the East's first AAA mile track auto races of the year at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds Sunday.

Billed as the East's last major speed event before the Indianapolis Grand Prix, the Trenton "go around" has attracted some of the mightiest racing men in the country. Already entered are such outstanding dirt track drivers as Tommy Hinnershitz, one-legged Bill Schindler, Joe Sostillio and Otis Stine.

The races here are designed for regulation race cars, and Hinnershitz, Schindler, Sostillio and Stine will assail local speed marks in high-powered Offenhauser machines that are capable of reaching peak speeds of 125 miles an hour. Sostillio will pilot a car that was built last Winter at a cost of \$18,000. It is owned by Ted Nyquist, operator of a trailer sales agency, near Reading, Pa.

According to speed director Sam Nunis, more than 20 drivers and cars are expected to participate in Sunday's events. As of today, the entry list numbered 18. Deadline for entries is midnight tonight, but post entries will be accepted until noon, Sunday.

The Trenton speed card will

consist of seven events. The program will open with qualifying time trials at 1 p. m., daylight time, and they will be followed by four six-mile heat races, a match race and a 25-mile sweepstakes final. First heat race is scheduled at 2:30.

The races will be supervised by AAA contest board officials out of Washington, D. C. Austen Shay, of Lebanon, Pa., has been named official starter.

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5-22-1952

# Bryan Aims At Eastern Point Lead

A hard-riding auto race driver from the Southwest may occupy first place in the AAA Eastern dirt track driving championship after Sunday's AAA big car auto races at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds.

Lanky Jim Bryan, who spends his Winters in Phoenix, Ariz., and his Summers wherever his myriad racing engagements may take him, is the man. He can overtake the current pacesetter, Tommy Hinnershitz, in the hotly-contested Eastern title chase.

Hinnershitz, already the winner of three Eastern titles, and an odds-on favorite to cop a fourth, has totaled 110 championship points this year. Bryan, on the other hand, has earned 84.

Since the Three-A contest board awards two championship points per winning mile, it is not difficult to see that Bryan can easily overtake Hinnershitz in the point standings by winning Sunday's 25-mile feature.

## Schindler Threat

However, both Bryan and Hinnershitz will be confronted with a few other speedy competitors. One of them is Bill Schindler, the noted dirt track and speedway driver, who was Hinnershitz's principal adversary last year. Another is Ottis Stine, who placed second to Hinnershitz in the 1949 Eastern championship race.

The Fair Grounds program will consist of time trials, four six-mile heat races, a match race, and the 25-mile feature. Time trials will begin at 1 p. m., daylight time, and the first heat race will get under way at 2:30. The events will be directed by Promoter Sam Nunis.

5-23-1952



**Jim Bryan**

Bryan, Phoenix, Ariz., race driver, can overtake Tommy Hinnershitz in the 1952 AAA Eastern dirt track speed championship by winning the 25-mile sweepstakes feature of Sunday's AAA big car auto races at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds.

# ***Rain Again Postpones Auto Race Card Here***

Sam Nunis, director of auto races, undoubtedly considers Trenton the rainiest spot on earth. Yesterday, for the second time this season, a scheduled card of AAA big car races at the New Jersey State Fairgrounds wound up a rainout. The previous postponement took place back on April 27. Nunis has had several other rainouts in recent years on his Trenton dates.

Two Indianapolis drivers, Bill Schindler and Jim Bryan, shared Nunis' remorse yesterday. Schindler and Bryan both qualified Saturday at Indianapolis and drove all night from the Hoosier speed capital to Trenton. They arrived in time yesterday—to see it pour.

Nunis will be at Indianapolis for Friday's 500-mile race. There he plans to confer with AAA officials on a new Trenton date.



# Auto Racing Win Sunday Barzda Goal

9-24-1952

Joe Barzda, New Brunswick, one of professional auto racing's most promising speedsters, will try to hang New Jersey colors on high at the season's first AAA auto races at the State Fair Sunday afternoon.

Previously stymied on two occasions this year due to rain, the big time speedfare is scheduled to open with a thrill-packed seven-event program on the newly renovated State Fair-grounds mile raceway. The program is again under the banner of Sam Nunis Speedways.

Beating Barzda to the tape in the entries were two of America's dirt track peers, Tommy Hinner-shitz, Reading, Pa., and Jim Bryan, Phoenix, Ariz. The crack pair, who are currently waging a speed war for Eastern AAA supremacy, have signed to pilot \$15,000 Offenhausers Sunday afternoon.

Barzda, a New Brunswick businessman, put the Skeeter state in the gas limelight last Winter he sped to a new world's flat half-mile dirt track record at West Palm Beach, Fla. He covered the distance in 24.49 seconds while out-qualifying some of the nation's top gasmen. Although his world mark was later eclipsed by the late Bill Schindler, Barzda's record still stands at the West Palm Beach track.

As Hinner-schitz, the three-time Eastern AAA king, and Bryan, winner of sixth money at Indianapolis last May, are nip-and-tuck for the AAA lead, a sizzling scrap between the pair is looked for Sunday. A win for either driver in the 25-mile feature may prove the deciding factor in landing the 1952 championship.

# McCoy Seeks Race Laurels Here Sunday

— 9-25-1952

A new star on the auto racing horizon will seek to move nearer the Eastern AAA championship this Sunday when AAA auto races return to the one-mile State Fair Grounds track.

Wing-tipped Ernie McCoy, Reading, Pa., who recently outsped the nation's top drivers at Reading and Williams Grove, Pa., is the budding pilot with big plans. Sunday's races are a closing day highlight of the current New Jersey State Fair.

Although he'll again be matched with such noted drivers as Jim Bryan, Phoenix, Ariz., sixth at Indianapolis this year, and Tommy Hinnershitz, Reading, Pa., three-time Eastern AAA king, McCoy expects to duplicate his earlier conquests. Like his rivals, he will be at the wheel of a power-packed \$15,000 Offenhauser.

Hinnershitz and Bryan, currently battling tooth and nail for the Eastern lead, are the big hurdles in McCoy's path Sunday. The defending champion holds a slight lead in the official AAA standings but a loss to either Bryan or McCoy here would endanger his chances for a record fourth straight title.

Sunday's seven-event program also will have Mark Light, Ottis Stine, Johnny Matera, Hank Rogers, Joe Barzda, Billy Gouse, Carl Becker and others zooming after laurels. A 25-mile event heads the action with qualifying time trials set for 1 p. m. and the opening race for 2:30.



## Shatters Three Track Marks

# HINNERSHITZ VICTOR AT TRENTON FAIRGROUNDS

10/2/1952

TRENTON, N. J., Sept. 30.—Tommy Hinnershitz, the Flying Dutchman from Reading, Pa., really flew around the New Jersey State Fair mile track Sunday afternoon.

Piloting his blue No. 1 Offenhauser, Tommy roared to three new track records. He won the 25-mile feature of the AAA-sanctioned big car program in 18:30.58. He won his six-mile qualifying heat in 4:15.52—a new six-mile record for the Fair Grounds mile oval. And, to complete his record-breaking performance, Tommy spun a time trial—once around the mile track—in :39.85 seconds. This broke the previous time trial mark of :39.88, set September 30, 1951 by the late Bill Schindler.

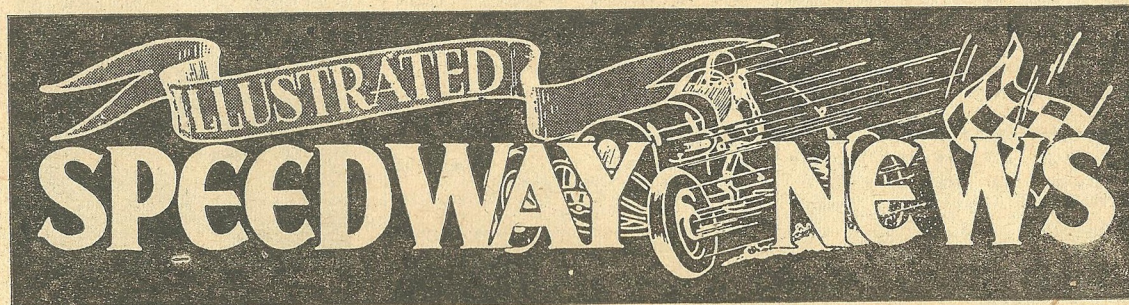
By winning the feature, Reading Tommy virtually clinched the Eastern AAA point championship for the fourth year in a row. This also will be a record. No other driver ever has won Eastern AAA point laurels more than three consecutive years.

### Laps All Rivals But One

Tommy dominated yesterday's feature to such an extent that he finished more than a full mile ahead of every rival except Ernie McCoy of Reading. And he was so close to lapping McCoy at the finish that Austin Shay, official starter of the race, had to wave the white and checkered flags almost simultaneously. The white flag was for McCoy, indi-



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cating one more lap to go. The checkered flag signalled the finish of the race for Hinnershitz.

### Rogers Fourth

McCoy finished second, Georgie Fonder of Lansdale, Pa., was third. Hank Rogers of Fords, N. J., formerly of Trenton, roared across the finish line fourth. Only eight cars finished out of 14

The new 25-mile record of 18:30.59 replaces the former mark

of 18:37.58, set by Hinnershitz at the Fair last year. The old six-mile record was 4:41.98, established by Freddy Carpenter back on September 28, 1947.

Other heat winners Sunday were Bryan, McCoy and Rogers. McCoy also won a three-mile match race in 2:11.08. Bryan finished second and Hinnershitz third in the match race—the only event that Tommy participated in

and didn't win.

Feature — (25) — Tommy Hinnershitz, Ernie McCoy, George Fonder. Time—18:30.59 (new track record). 1st heat — (6) — Hinnershitz, Geo. Fonder, Hank Rogers. Time—4:15.52 (new track record).

2nd heat — (6) — Jim Bryan, Joe Sostillo, Mark Light. Time—4:26.68.

3rd heat — (6) — McCoy, Buster Warke, Johnny Matera. Time—4:26.59

Match race — (3) — McCoy, Bryan, Hinnershitz. Time—2:11.08. Time trials — (1 mile) — Hinnershitz, :39.85 (new track record); Bryan, :40.75; McCoy, :41.07; Fonder, :41.84; Sostillo, :41.96; Warke, :42.24; Rogers, :42.60.



# First AAA Mile Track Event Here

4-7-1953

Four-time Eastern AAA Champion Tommy Hinnershitz is back atop the Eastern drivers standings approaching the season's first AAA auto race on a one-mile track Sunday at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds.

A victory in the 30-lap feature race at the half-mile track at Reading, Pa., March 29 placed the "Flying Dutchman" back at the helm. He also won a 10-lap race at Reading.

As a 25-mile sweepstakes already has been named to head the Trenton program, Hinnershitz is expected to lose little time in penning an entry blank. A triumph here would give the four-time winner a flying start after his fifth straight title.

Second to Hinnershitz in the current Eastern AAA listings is Johnny Thomson, Eastern AAA midget racing king from Springfield, Mass., who got second at Reading, Paul Russo, Indianapolis "500" ace Hammond, Ind., is third.

Thomson and Russo also are among a big crop of drivers sent entry papers for Trenton and they, too, are expected to enter early.

Preceding the 25-mile headliner on April 19 will be four six-mile races, a special novelty event and opening qualifying time trials.

# Matera Files Race Entry For AAA Event On 19th

4-8-1953

New Jersey drivers continued to dominate the early entries for the opening AAA auto races at the State Fair Grounds Sunday, April 19, today with the arrival of another "home" signer.

Johnny Matera, Elizabeth, informed Sam Nunis, race director,

he would seek honors at the wheel of a fleet Hal Special. The car ranks with the country's fastest Hals and is price tagged at \$7,500.

A veteran gas-pedaler who is known from coast to coast, Matera figures this will be his best season since he started back in the 30s. When not racing, he works as a mechanic in his home town.

However, in order to better his racing ways here on April 19, Matera will have his hands full. Expected to rival the Elizabethan for top honors are the nation's best drivers, including regulars from the Indianapolis 500-mile classic. Matera reports his Hal in tune for an impressive showing.

Along with a 25-mile championship feature event, the April 19 program includes four six-mile heat races, a special novelty event and opening qualifying time trials.



APRIL 8, 1953

# Tom's Trenton Time To be Assaulted in AAA Sprints Apr. 19

Trenton, N.J.—The trim one-mile raceway at the New Jersey State Fairground here again will be the scene of the season's first AAA auto races on a mile track, Sunday, April 19, AAA officials announced.

AAA Contest Board Secretary James H. Lamb said that the races would be staged by Sam Nunis Speedways, which has directed the AAA opening here for several years. A capacity crowd saw the Nunis-directed Eastern AAA Inaugural races on a half-mile track at Reading, Pa., Sunday, March 29.

Anxious to start the mile season just as fleet and colorful as was the half-mile opening, racemaster Nunis currently is busy with race plans. He announced that a 25-mile championship sweepstakes would head the April 19 program.

Among the large delegation of big time drivers already contacted by Nunis is Tommy Hinnershitz, four-time Eastern AAA champion, and the winner at Reading. Johnny Thomson, Eastern AAA midget racing champion, second at Reading, also received a Trenton entry blank.

Judging by his record-smashing form at the New Jersey State Fair last fall, Hinnershitz should sign early for the coming races. New marks posted by the "Flying Dutchman" at the Fair were: one mile in 39.85 seconds, six miles in four minutes 15.52 seconds, and 25 miles in 18 minutes 30.59 seconds.

Completing the April 19 program, Nunis said, would be four six-mile heat races, a special novelty dash, and qualifying time trials. The time trials begin at 1 p.m. and the races at 2:30.

# Fonder Ready To Race Here

4-10-1953

Another big name in the auto racing world, George Fonder, Lansdale, Pa., today was added to the field for the season's first AAA auto races at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds on Sunday, April 19.

Just recently signed to drive the Leltenberger Special at Indianapolis in May, Fonder will pilot a \$15,000 Offenhauser, also owned by Leltenberger, here.

Fonder a week ago opened the season with a sixth place finish at the Reading, Pa., half-mile track. He outsped such notables as Mike Nazaruk, Ernie McCoy and Joe Sostillio handily.

His debut at the Hoosier 500-mile classic last year saw Fonder take 15th in the big field of 33 starters. He predicts he'll better that finish this year in the newly "tuned" Leltenberger car. He plans to start preparing for Indianapolis following the races here.

# Nyquist Car Set To Try Track Here

4-12-1953

America's most beautiful race car, the \$20,000 Mid States Trailer Special, next Sunday will grace the star-studded field for the season's opening AAA auto races at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds.

Owned by trailer salesman Ted Nyquist of Reading, Pa., the fleet beauty is to be driven by Johnny Thomson, Springfield, Mass. Thomson won the Eastern AAA midget car championship last year prior to entering the "big car" field.

The Nyquist Offenhauser officially drew the beauty prize at Reading two weeks ago when it was voted the best looking car at the AAA half-mile opening. Nyquist and his mechanics also received a prize as the best dressed pit crew. The car took second in the 30-lap feature.

At Trenton, the presence of Thomson and the "Glamor Car" will add luster to the formidable field signed for next Sunday. Owner Nyquist has high praise for Thomson who is slated to make his debut at the Indianapolis 500-mile race in May.

"I have all the confidence in the world in Thomson's driving," the trailer salesman stated. "He was a good second at Reading, despite the fact he had to start back in seventh position. Now watch him go at Trenton."

Included among ace rivals out to stop Thomson next Sunday are Indianapolis-bound George Fonder and Paul Russo and dirt track notables Joe Sostillio, Joe Barzda, Johnny Matera and Mel Weldner. A 25-mile race heads the seven-event speedfare.

# Auto Races Slated Here On April 27

4-13-1953

Championship AAA big car auto races, sanctioned by the AAA Contest Board, officially open on a one-mile track in the East, Sunday, April 27, at the Trenton Fair Grounds, it was announced yesterday.

James H. Lamb, Contest Board secretary, said that the big one-mile opener, featuring the world's greatest dirt track drivers and cars, again will be staged under the direction of Sam Nunis Speedways. The Nunis organization conducted the East's half-mile opening last Sunday at Reading, Pa.

Plans are already under way to have this year's inaugural races outshine all others in Trenton Fair Grounds history. Race Director Nunis, while announcing the release of entry blanks to all leading drivers, said that "new faces" would grace the field here.

Among the speed notables sent entry papers were Tommy Hinnershitz, three-time Eastern AAA champion of Reading, Pa.; Frank Luptow, ex-IMCA champion from Indianapolis, Ind.; Bill Schindler, Freeport, L. I., N. Y., top AAA record-maker last year; Mike Nazaruk, East Hempstead, N. Y., second at Indianapolis last year; Joe James, Los Angeles, Calif.; Gordon Reid, Burbank, Calif., and George Rice, New England midget racing king from Milford, Conn.

A 25-mile championship sweepstakes will head the seven-event inaugural bill here, Nunis announced.

# Jim Bryan Races Here On Sunday

4-14-1953

Bronco Jimmy Bryan, Phoenix, Ariz., is the latest gas-pedaling star to enter the inaugural AAA auto race at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds on Sunday.

Bryan, who took sixth money in his first start at Indianapolis last May, will drive an Offenhauser owned by Leitenberger Brothers, Johnstown, Pa., here. The car he drove at the "500" also belongs to the Leitenbergers.

Despite the fact he won close to \$8,000 at Indianapolis, Bryan could well be tagged the "Unlucky Mose" of last season. With the Eastern AAA championship within his grasp, he failed to finish in eight races due to motor trouble and had to be satisfied with third in the final ranking. Even if he could have won but three of the eight events, he would have had enough points stored away to lift the title.

## Youthful Driver

The former cow puncher is looking forward to a better break Sunday, however. He figures a triumph in the big 25-mile feature race will put him back within striking distance of the sectional top spot. At 23, Bryan is one of the nation's youngest big time drivers. He is entered at Indianapolis again this year.

Sunday's field also includes Johnny Thomson, George Fonder and Paul Russo, who'll seek fame and fortune at the big Indianapolis 500-miler in May.

Along with the 25-mile main race, Sunday's program includes four six-mile events, a special novel race and qualifying time trials.



# Carter, Indianapolis Pilot, Seeks Laurels Here Sunday

4-15-1953

Perhaps the most versatile of big time speed chauffeurs today, Duane Carter, of Los Angeles, will have another fling at "big car" racing Sunday afternoon at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds.

Fourth at the Indianapolis 500-mile race last May, and one of the few Americans ever invited to compete in a road race in Europe, Carter will drive a \$15,000 miracle power special Sunday, he informed race headquarters. A 25-mile sweepstakes caps the seven-event bill.

Carter got his first taste of European sports cars last year when he took part in the 24-hour grind

at Le Mans, France. Competition at Australia, New Zealand, Argentina and Mexico has earned him the tag of "Auto Racing's Most Traveled Driver."

Along with his "500" plum last season, Carter can boast of winning the Midwest AAA championship in 1950. He also has many midget car victories to his credit.

The westerner's debut at Trenton's mile track here Sunday will find him pitted against the cream of AAA gasmen, including several Indianapolis entrants. He'll rival such stars as Paul Russo, George Fonder, Johnny Thomson, Ernie McCoy, Jim Bryan and Bill Brown, all "500" entries this May 30.



George Fonder

4-16-1953

# McCoy Aims At Sunday's Event Here

Ernie (The Real) McCoy, from the auto racing hub of Reading, Pa., plans to carry a rabbit's foot into the opening AAA auto races at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds Sunday afternoon.

Bit by the jinx bug two weeks ago at Reading when his car spun out during the feature race, McCoy hopes to fare better in seven events here. A 25-mile sweepstakes tops Sunday's speed bill.

To make his recent miscue all the more ironic, McCoy was running a good second to neighbor Tommy Hinnerstiz when the spin occurred. He firmly believes he could have caught up with Champion Tommy and perhaps won the race had not the unfortunate mishap taken place.

McCoy gets a chance to square matters Sunday. Among his rivals will be the tops in AAA talent, including Hinnerstiz. McCoy would like nothing better than to grab the Eastern AAA lead away from his fellow townsman with a victory in the State Fair Grounds feature.

Also entered are Jim Bryan, Joe Sostillio, Duane Carter, Paul Russo, Johnny Thomson, George Fonder and Bill Brown. All except Sostillio will join McCoy in competing at the 500-mile race at Indianapolis next month.

McCoy finished second in the Eastern AAA ranks last season. He says he can win the title this year if both his rabbit's foot and Vargo Offenhauser run true to form.

# Bryan Hopes To Turn Tables On AAA Champ Here Sunday

A blistering speed battle is looked for Sunday afternoon when ace drivers Tommy Hinnershitz and Jim Bryan compete in the AAA auto races over the mile track at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds.

Entered along with the cream of AAA gasmen for seven events, Bryan and Hinnershitz are expected to resume their private brawl which thrilled thousands at the State Fair here last year. A 25-mile sweepstakes heads the fanfare.

Hinnershitz, four-time winner of the Eastern AAA title, won the previous race here in record style, but it was Bryan who forced the torrid pace. The Indianapolis "500" star from Phoenix, Ariz., pressed the champion most of the way until forced out with motor trouble. The reverse blasted Bryan's championship hopes after he had gained a short lead earlier in the year.

However, with the lightning-fast Leitenberger Offenhauser tuned for action, Bryan is geared for an impressive win Sunday. At Carroll Speedway, California, recently Bryan zoomed home behind Allen Heath to take second in the Western AAA circuit. The car is now being shipped East for the

important Trenton opening. Bryan took sixth at Indianapolis last May and is entered again this year.

But Hinnershitz of Reading, Pa., is a "hot" driver when the chips are down. With Bryan and such other big time pilots as George Fonder, Paul Russo, Duane Carter, Johnny Thomson and Ernie McCoy in Sunday's lineup, he's expected to display top form.

Qualifying time trials start at 1 o'clock Sunday with the first race listed for 2:30.

4-17-1953

## Indianapolis Drivers Here Today



4-19-1953

Indianapolis "500" glitter and gusto is ready to reign at the State Fair Grounds this afternoon with some of the nation's top drivers competing in the season's opening AAA auto races. Pictured above over a shot of the 500-mile Hoosier classic are Paul Russo, Hank Rogers, Tommy Hinnershitz and Joe Sostillo, all entered in this afternoon's races here. The AAA program features a 25-mile championship sweepstakes, with time trials set for 1 o'clock and the first race at 2:30.

# '500' Aces Set To Race Here Today

Indianapolis "500" color will mark the opening of the AAA auto race season here at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds this afternoon.

At least seven entries at the Hoosier classic next month join the field here for seven events, with time trials called for 1 o'clock and the first race for 2:30. A 25-mile race heads the competitive action.

Indianapolis-bound gasmen set to zoom after laurels on the mile strip are Duane Carter, Johnny Thomson, Paul Russo, Jimmy Bryan, George Fonder, Bill Brown and Ernie McCoy. Carter was fourth at the 500 last May and Bryan placed sixth. Eddie Russo, nephew of Paul, also will compete this afternoon.

Rivaling the "500" men for spotlight honors will be state and sectional dirt track champions, including Tommy Hinnershitz, four-time Eastern AAA king. The titleholder from Reading, Pa., has a \$15,000 Miracle Power Special primed for a second win this season. Carter also will chauffeur a Miracle Power car, while Thomson will drive the \$20,000 Mid-States Trailer Special, America's most expensive racing car.

4-19-1953

## Sostillio Threat

Also down to extend the 500 aces today are Joe Sostillio, Hank Rogers, Joe Barzda, Johnny Matera, Mel Weidner and Billy Gouse. Sostillio, current National AAA midget leader, formerly held the world's half-mile dirt track record.

Indianapolis color here will include a rocket salute prior to the feature race along with the release of thousands of helium-filled balloons. A dress inspection of drivers and cars also is included in the program. Four six-mile heat races, a special novelty event and the time trials precede the main race.

The official entry list follows:  
Tommy Hinnershitz, Reading, Pa., Miracle Power Special.  
Duane Carter, Los Angeles, Miracle Power Special.  
Ernie McCoy, Reading, Pa., Vargo Offenhauser.  
Johnny Thomson, Springfield, Mass., Mid-States Trailer Special.  
Paul Russo, Hammond, Ind., Beal Offenhauser.  
George Fonder, Lansdale, Pa., Offenhauser.  
Jimmy Bryan, Phoenix, Ariz., Leitenberger Offey.  
Hank Rogers, Fords, N. J., Steffen Offenhauser.  
Joe Barzda, New Brunswick, V8 Special.  
Mel Weidner, Reading, Pa., Ford 6 Special.  
Johnny Matera, Elizabeth, N. J., Hal Special.  
Billy Gouse, Boiling Springs, Pa., Hal Special.  
Joe Mattera, Deer Lake, Pa., V8 Special.  
Carl Becker, Palmyra, Pa., Riley Special.  
Bob Arndt, Allentown, Pa., V8 Special.  
Joe Sostillio, Boston, Mass., Offenhauser.  
Al Herman, Allentown, Pa., Offenhauser.  
Bud Peiffer, Lebanon, Pa., Riley Special.  
Bill Brown, Richmond, Ind., O'Connor Special.  
Mark Sody, Bridgeton, N. J., Hal Special.  
Bob Cooney, Philadelphia, Pa., Hal Special.  
Eddie Russo, Chicago, Ill., Offenhauser.



# FEATURE AT TRENTON GOES TO HINNERSHITZ

TRENTON, N. J., April 21st—Tommy Hinnershitz, the Flying Dutchman from Reading, Pa., drove his own Miracle Power Special, in Sunday's AAA auto races at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds. Tommy led from start to finish of the 25-mile feature race.

A track still heavy from Saturday's rain made times slower than usual throughout the Sam Nunis-directed sprint card. The winner of the feature negotiated the 25 laps around the mile oval in 20:5.21.

The four-time Eastern AAA king, who divides his off-season activity between farming and running a hardware store, showed no signs of slipping. He and Duane Carter of Fresno, Calif., also piloting his own Miracle Power Special, battled for the early lead. But Carter had the misfortune to have his accelerator jammed by a flying rock and had to withdraw from the race after a couple of laps. It was easy for Tommy the rest of the way.

Carter was just one of four starters who failed to finish the feature event. The others were Jim Eryan, Phoenix, Ariz.; Joe Sostilio Boston, and Joe Mattera, Deer Lake, Pa.

## THOMSON SECOND

Johnny Thomson of Springfield, Mass., finished second, with Paul Russo of Hammond, Ind., third. Fourth place money went to Ernie McCoy of Reading, Pa. Al Herman, Allentown, Pa., placed fifth and Joe Barzda, New Brunswick, N. J., sixth.



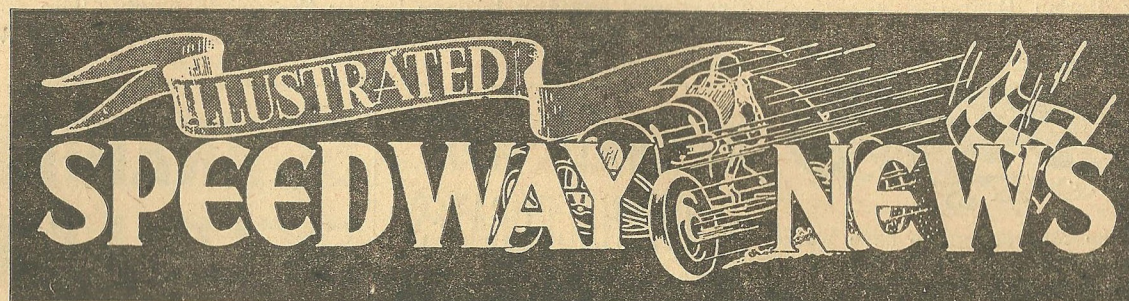
PAUL RUSSO

The only three others still running at the finish were Mel Weidner, Reading; Johnny Matera, Elizabeth, N. J., and Bob Arndt, Fullerton, Pa.

## BALLOONS ADD COLOR

Director Nunis gave the race, the first 1953 big car event on a mile track in the East, an Indianapolis start. Just before the feature Nunis had 3,000 balloons released from a wooden cage in the infield. The balloons made a colorful sight as they drifted sky-

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ward over the Fair Grounds grandstand. Balloons in the sky are a familiar sight at the big Indianapolis 500-mile race every May 30. The best race of the day turned out to be a novelty event between Joe Mattera, Deer Lake, Pa., and Johnny Matera, Elizabeth, N. J. They raced four miles and each was required to have his pit crew change a rear wheel after any one of the four laps. Each required about 40 seconds for the wheel change. They roared into the final straightaway with Mattera enjoying a slight lead. Mattera swerved a bit in the home stretch, however, and the New Jerseyan won in a "photo finish."

## RUSSO WINS SIX-MILER

No. 1 surprise of the afternoon was Paul Russo's victory over Hinnershitz in first six-mile

qualifying event. Tommy placed second and Herman third in this six-miler, timed in 4:22.40.

Carter, McCoy and Barzda qualified for the feature by running in that order in the second six-miler. Carter's time was 4:29.43.

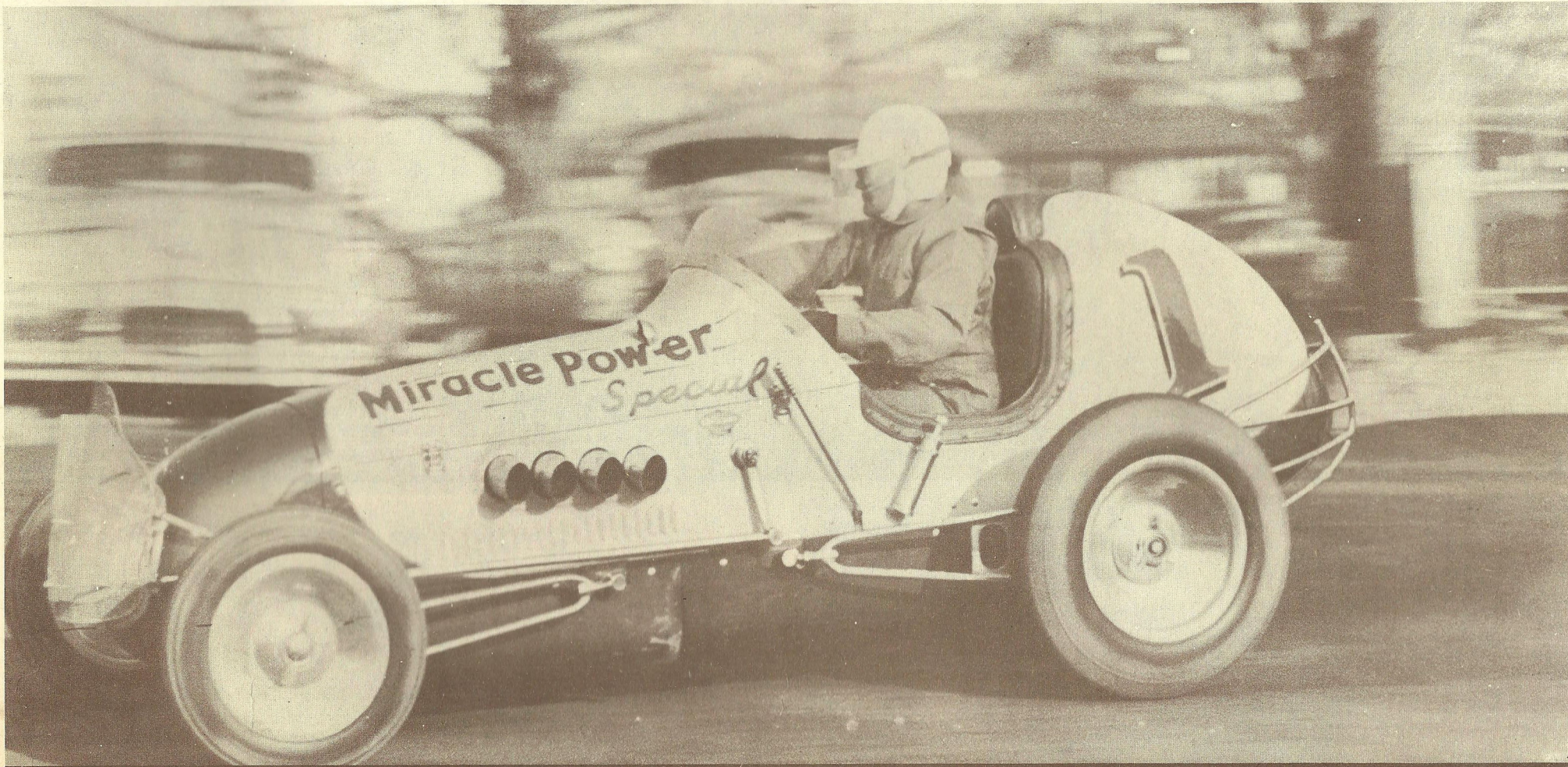
Bryan won the third six-mile event, with Thomson second and Sostilio third. Bryan's time was 4:38.71.

Weidner won the consolation race, also at six miles, in 4:22.92. He was followed by Matera, Mattera and Arndt.

Hinnershitz turned in the best time trial—40.53 seconds for one spin around the mile oval.

There were two Russos—Uncle Paul and his nephew, Eddie, of Chicago—on the track. Eddie, son of the late Joe Russo, competed in a couple of the early races but did not qualify for the feature.





Eastern AAA dirt track champion Tommy Hinnershitz continued his winning ways by capturing the feature race at the Trenton fairgrounds Sunday driving his new Miracle Power Special. Second to Tommy was Johnny Thomson with Paul Russo placing third. Show was under the promotiobal guidance of Sam Nunis speedways. Tommy will seek to increase his string of victories to three next Sunday when he competes at the Williams Grove, Pa., speedway.



# Mile Track Main To Hinnershitz On Trenton Track

4-22-1953

By WALT RENNER

Trenton, N. J., April 19 — Defending eastern big car champion Tommy Hinnershitz continues to remain in the undefeated class. The veteran Reading, Pa., driver produced his second consecutive major win of the new racing season by defeating a star-studded field of AAA participants in the

feature 25-lap event here this afternoon on the New Jersey State Fairgrounds mile track. In maintaining his unscathed record, the chunky Pennsylvania farmer whirled his beautiful yellow No. 1 Miracle Power Special over the twenty-five mile grind in the time of 20:51.21.

Finishing second was the sensational newcomer to big car racing, Johnny Thomson of Springfield, Mass., who fought his way from a ninth starting position in the Nyquist Offy. Paul Russo of Hammond, Ind., placed third in the Beal Offy, Ernie McCoy was fourth in the Vargo Offy while newcomer Al Herman of Allentown, Pa., turned in a neat bit of driving to bring the Dutch Culp Offy in for fifth. Joe Barzda finished sixth in his own super-charged stretched Ford V-8 midget.

## Close at Outset

The feature line up was a pretty one with the Miracle Power Offys of Hinnershitz and Duane Carter in the front row pacing the 13-car field. At the outset, the event developed into a nip and tuck affair with the lead changing between Carter and Hinnershitz with Jimmy Bryan, Paul Russo, Joe Sostilio, Ernie McCoy and Johnny Thomson in very close contention.

After one false start, the event got under way with a perfect lineup. Car- (Please Turn to Page Sixteen)

ter from his outside position gunned into the lead through the first and second turns and down the backstretch. Hinnershitz, however, wasn't letting things go that easy. Roaring down the backstretch on Carter's tail, Tommy went very high and wide through the third and fourth turns and into the lead on the front straightaway.

With the feel of victory within his grasp, Hinnershitz never backed off and was in no danger thereafter. Carter was forced to pull in the pit area in the fourth lap when a rock pierced through the underpan and jammed the throttle. Joe Sostilio also was eliminated in the fourth lap when a steering key sheered in the Curtis No. 4 Offy with Joe bringing the car to a halt along the fence in between the first and second turn.

When Carter pulled in Jimmy Bryan took up the chase after the flying Dutchman and by six laps was in position to provide a challenge. Bryan had his worries, too, as Paul Russo was extremely close behind. Bryan's brakes gave out in the second lap but this failed to halt the ex-hot-rodder from Phoenix. Hinnershitz pace was terrific and Bryan fell by the wayside in the tenth lap when the engine of the Leitenburger Offy creamed up.

Russo then took up the chase but never got too close as he experienced

loss of brakes and a broken torsion bar and at the half way flag was a quarter lap behind.

In the meanwhile, Thomson was steadily moving up and with some spectacular outside groove riding took third position from Ernie McCoy on the 18th lap. Thomson kept driving hard and on the 22nd mile overtook Russo for second place. Russo managed to keep the shock-less Beal Offy under control and finished third followed by McCoy.

Al Herman, the first time behind the wheel of a 220 cu. in. Offy turned in a remarkable performance as he brought the Culp Offy into fifth. Joe Barzda was in there plugging all the way with his supercharged Ford V-8 and gathered a nice sixth finish beating out the rest of the field.

The thin crowd of blanket wrapped fans who braved cold and threatening weather witnessed a thrilling initial program of AAA big car races on mile tracks under the direction of Sam Nunis.

In the preliminary events, Hinnershitz set the fastest qualifying time of the day with one lap at 40.53.

The first six mile heat race was won by Paul Russo over Hinnershitz who got himself a face full of dirt in the first turn and encountered vision difficulties throughout the event. The second heat was won handily by Duane Carter. The third heat was a Jimmy Bryans as Johnny Thomson and Joe Sostilio battled for the runner-up position. The summaries:

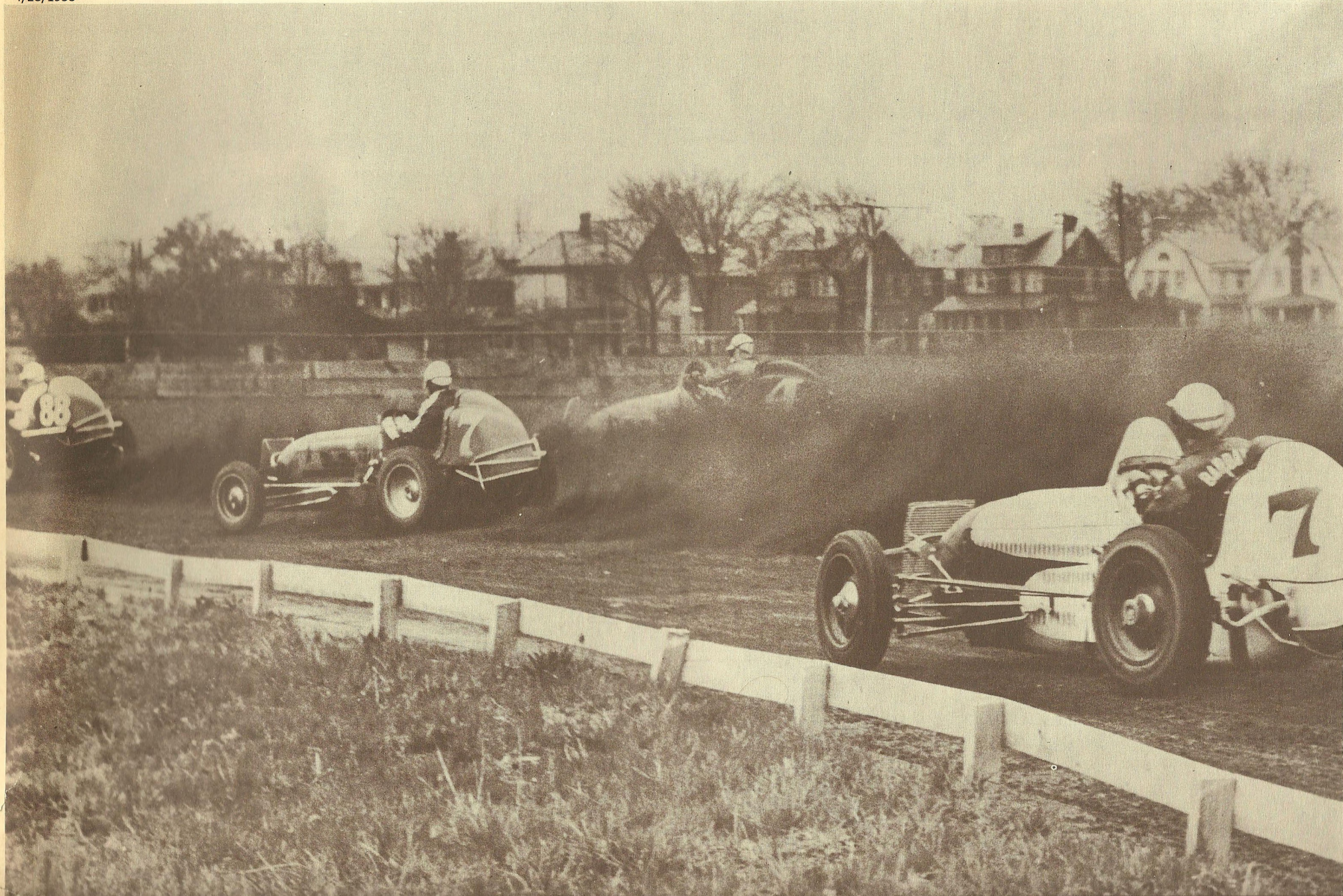
Program Qualifiers: Tommy Hinnershitz, Miracle Power Offy, 40.53; Duane Carter, Miracle Power Offy, 40.09; Ernie McCoy, Vargo Offy, 42.39; Johnny Thomson, Mid-States Trailer Offy, 46.26; Paul Russo, Earl Betal Offy, 42.17; Eddie Russo, Caruso Offy, 46.22; Jim Bryan, Leitenburger Offy, 41.59; Joe Barzda, Calif., Speed & Sport Shop Blown V-8 '60, 46.91; Mel Weidner, Les Weidner Ford 6, 46.24; Johnny Matera, HAL Spl., no time.

Billy Gouse, Fowler Dreyer, 47.23, Joe Matterna, Mercury, 53.45; Carl Becker, V-8, no time; Bobby Arndt, V-8, 33.36; Joe Sostilio, Frank Curtis Offy, 43.46; Al Herman, Culp Offy, 45.09; Ed Gallione, Solohub HAL, 46.36; Andy Furci, HAL Spl., 54.62; Howard Bechtol, Ford 6, 49.62; Mark Sooy, V-8, no time.

1st heat 6 laps: Russo, Hinnershitz, Herman, Matterna—4:22.40. 2nd heat 6 laps: Carter, McCoy, Barzda, E. Russo—4:29.43. 3rd heat 6 laps: Bryan, Thomson, Sostilio, E. Russo—4:28.71. 4th lap novelty

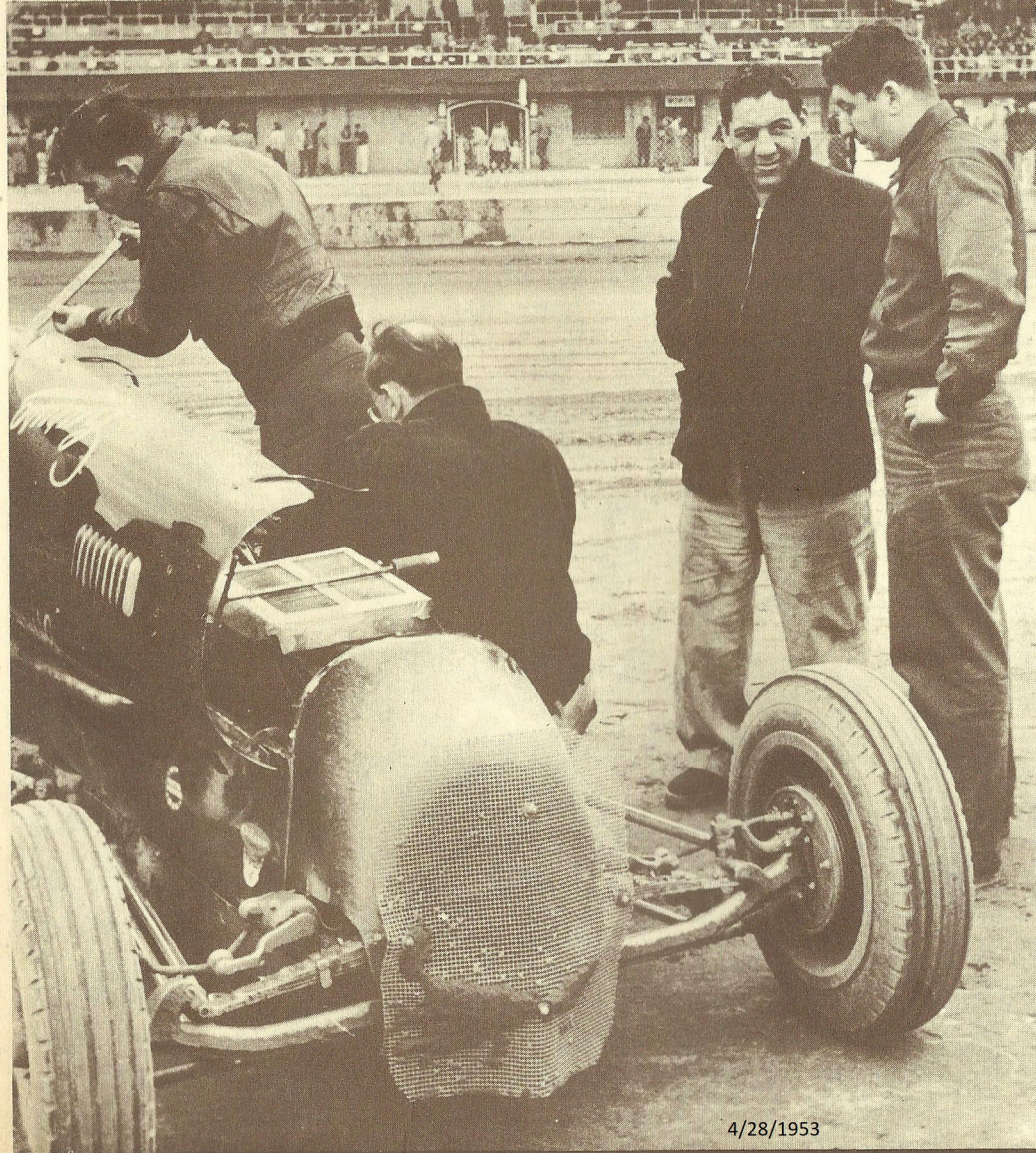


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Its the first turn in the afternoons first qualifying heat at the Sam Nunis AAA sprint car show at the Trenton, N. J., fairgrounds. Joe Mattera, # 88 leads with Paul Russo # 7 spraying Al Herman with a bit of the track as Mel Weidner also sporting the # 7 ringing up the rear. Paul Russo won the event.-Dave Knox photo.





4/28/1953

Paul Russo (wearing jacket) talks to his nephew Ed Russo following Ed's competition in the third heat of the Trenton, N. J., fairgrounds sprint card. Mike Caruso makes repairs to his super-charged midget, while Caruso's assistant checks gas in tank.—Dave Knox photo.





The Leitenberger crew prepare car for feature race at the Trenton, N. J., fairgrounds as Jimmy Bryan looks on. Bryan failed to finish the main event when mechanical difficulty forced him to the sidelines.—Dave Knox photo.

# Campbell Races Here On Sunday

9-29-1953

A hometown product, Wally Campbell, hopes to reap additional glory in the championship AAA auto races at the New Jersey State Fair Sunday afternoon.

Hottest driver in the eastern AAA ranks this season, Campbell will drive a \$15,000 Offenhauser before his home town followers Sunday. A 25-mile New Jersey State Fair sweepstakes caps the seven-event speedfare.

A former Eastern stock car ace, Campbell has been going like wild fire since invading the regulation car field this year. He scored wins over the country's top drivers at Flemington; Morristown; St. Paul, Minn., and Reading, Pa., recently to astonish all racedom.

The all-star field down to rival Campbell Sunday includes Bill Holland, winner of the Indianapolis 500-mile race in 1949. Slated to make his first start here since his reinstatement by the AAA last year, Holland also will drive a \$15,000 Offenhauser Sunday.

The field also will have Joe Barzda, New Brunswick; Johnny Kay, New Britain, Conn.; Len Duncan, Philadelphia, and Tommy Hinnerstz, four-times AAA Eastern champion of Reading, Pa., among the starters.

Five other competitive events precede the main 25-mile race Sunday afternoon. Qualifying time trials open at 1 o'clock and the races start at 2:30.

# Eastern AAA King Eyes New Marks Here Sunday

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Tommy Hinnershitz, Eastern AA spee king for the past four years, will try to break his own records at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds Sunday afternoon.

The holder of four current marks here, Tailspin Tommy hopes to blast the lot in seven events of AAA championship auto racing which highlights closing day at the New Jersey State Fair. He will make the bid in his \$18,000 Miracle Power Special Offenhauser.

Sunday's speedfare features a 25-mile sweepstakes finale and will see most of the nation's star drivers oppose the eastern champion for honors. Qualifying time trials start at 1 p. m. and the races at 2:30.

Naturally Tommy is more anxious to win Sunday's feature race in better time than his present record of 18 minutes 30.59 seconds.

He set the mark last year while blazing home first in the 25-mile main event.

His other local records which the titleholder will aim at Sunday include a mile in 39.85 seconds, six miles in 4 minutes 15.52 seconds and eight miles in 5:40.35.

Among the champion's rivals here Sunday will be Bill Holland, 1949 Indianapolis winner; Ernie McCoy, eighth at Indianapolis this year, and Wally Campbell, Trenton's current AAA sensation.

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9-30-1953



# Sostilio Set For Record Try Sunday

10-1-1953

Joe Sostilio, former world's half-mile record holder from East Natick, Mass., will be record-hunting at the New Jersey State Fair Sunday afternoon.

Entered for seven events of AAA auto racing which features closing day at the New Jersey State Fair, Sostilio will drive a Milwaukee - owned Offenhauser Sunday. A 25-mile New Jersey State Fair sweepstakes caps the program.

Sostilio, who set the former world record of 22.86 seconds for a half-mile at Cedar Rapids, Ia., two years ago, has been racing in record-threatening form recently. His most recent win was scored over the new \$50,000 paved track at Springfield, Mass.

The New Englander, however, will not be alone in the chase after new track marks Sunday afternoon. His rivals will include the cream of AAA gas-pedalers, including Bill Holland of Miami, Fla. Holland is back after dirt track glory following his victory at Indianapolis in 1949.

Other whiz artists entered Sunday include Trenton's Wally Campbell, current AAA big car sensation; Johnny Thomson, ex-Eastern midget car king; Len Duncan, Ernie McCoy, Joe Barzda, Johnny Kay, Billy Gouse, Joe Mattera and Hank Rogers.

The State Fair races swing open with qualifying time trials at 1 p. m., Sunday and the opening race at 2:30.



Wally Campbell

10-4-1953

# Leading AAA Speedsters In Races Today At Fair; Campbell Seeks Laurels

All of the top names in Eastern AAA speed circles will converge upon the New Jersey State Fair this afternoon for a seven-event program of auto races over the one-mile track.

Tommy Hinnershitz, Eastern AAA champion 1949 to 1952, and Bill Holland, 1949 Indianapolis 500-mile winner, will share the spotlight as the drivers stake after the day's big prize, a 25-mile New Jersey State Fair sweepstakes final.

Slated to make his first showing here since he was reinstated by the AAA last season, Holland will pilot a \$15,000 Offenhauser.

Tailspin Tommy, who currently is making a strong bid for his fifth straight Eastern title, is entering his own \$18,000 Offenhauser, a Miracle Power Special.

Also among the entries are Trenton's Wally Campbell, Johnny Thomson, Jim Ryan, Len Duncan, Ernie McCoy, Hank Rogers, Johnny Kay, Bill Gouse, Joe Barzda and Joe Sostillo. Thomson is the Eastern midget car champion.

Recent wins at Rutland, Vt., Bedford, Pa., and Flemington greatly boost Holland's chances but most racegoers believe the defending Eastern AAA champ is the man to beat. Tailspin Tommy won in a blaze of glory at the State Fair last year, setting up three new track records in the bargain.

The marks, which the field will aim at this afternoon, include one mile in 39.85 seconds, six miles in 4 minutes 15.52 seconds and 25 miles in 18 minutes 30.59 seconds. Qualifying time trials start at 1 o'clock today and the races at 2:30.

# Bryan Wins As Campbell Motor Fails

10-5-1953

Trenton's Wally Campbell, who hopes to race at Indianapolis next May 30, gave more than 10,000 a thrill for the first seven laps of yesterday's 25-mile auto race feature at the New Jersey State Fair.

Campbell, making his home town AAA big car bow, led the feature from the outset until the motor of his Frank Curtis Offenhauser failed on the backstretch the eighth time around the mile oval. Wally then was forced into the pits for the afternoon. Jim Bryan of Phoenix, Ariz., roared into the lead and was never headed the rest of the way. Bryan's winning time for the 25-miler was 8:43.068.

Tommy Hinnershitz of Oley, Pa., Eastern AAA dirt track king for the past four years, had to rally to take second place in yesterday's feature. Joe Sostillo, East Natick, Mass., wound up third, Ernie McCoy, Reading, Pa., fourth, and Bill Holland, Miami Fla., fifth. Others who finished in the feature were Jiggs Peters, Plainfield, N. J.; Buster Warke, Allentown, Pa.; Joe Mattara, Deer Lake, Pa.; Bill Case, Doylestown, Pa., and Howard Bechtel, Parkersford, Pa.

## Motor Trouble for Trio

Campbell and two others—Bill Gouse, Boiling Springs, Pa., and Hank Gritzbach, Schenectady, N. Y.—were forced into the pits with motor trouble.

Campbell is pointing for the 1954 Indianapolis 500-miler. He hopes to drive the Blue Crown Special owned by Charley Marant of Trenton.

## Match Race Thriller

Wally provided the overflow crowd with plenty of excitement in the preliminary portion of the card. Campbell had to drive with one hand in winning his six-mile qualifying race. His other hand was holding the fuel line, which was threatening to overflow. This fault was corrected in time for Wally to nose out Sostillo in a three-mile match race between the two cars with the fastest time trials of the day. The match event was a thriller all the way, with the two rivals passing each other several times. Campbell won by a close margin in the time of 2:14.050.

Winners of qualifying races, in addition to Campbell, were Sostillo, Bryan and Hinnershitz, who rallied to nip Warke at the tape in a thrilling consolation race.

Joe Barzda, New Brunswick, wound up in St. Francis Hospital when his car overturned on the first turn of the attempted first qualifying event. Barzda's car, after flipping, was struck accidentally by another Barzda-owned car, driven by Johnny Kay of New Britain, Conn. Joe was rushed to the hospital in an ambulance. The two Barzda-owned cars were towed off the track. The race was restarted and won by Sostillo, whose time for the six miles was 4:23.088. Campbell's time for the six-miler that he won was 4:39.381.

Barzda suffered an injury to his right shoulder. His condition was reported as "good" at the hospital but he was held for observation.