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UNION**SPEEDWAY**

GETS HINNERSHOT FOR FIRST EVENT

6/18/1936

**Present Eastern Leader To
Compete In Opening Show
On Friday June 26; Track
Near Completion**

The Union, N. J., speedway will re-open for A. A. A. big car automobile racing under floodlights Friday night, June 26, according to track manager Andy Watts who spent the week-end in Goshen, negotiating with outstanding stars to appear on the new half-mile course.

Repairs are being rushed on the wide oval and roads leading to the speed plant have been repaired also. The track was closed temporarily after four weekly programs had been conducted.

Watts will announce the names of several of the leading drivers of America to feature the re-opening in the next few days. In addition the regular field which marked the early meets is expected to return in full strength.

Tommie Hinnerhot, present leader in the chase for George (Doc) Mackenzie's Eastern states title, gained his advantage on the Union oval, winning two meets, placing second and fourth in the other two. He is expected to continue his fight for the coveted crown on the 26th.

Another driver who did well at Union is Vern Orenduff, Peterson's contender for the championship in the season's opening weeks. Orenduff scored the other two victories at Union, finding the broad course much to his liking. The Union straight-aways are 75 feet wide and the turns widen out to 110 feet.

JULY 9, 1936

AUTO RACES AT UNION ON FRIDAY

One of the greatest collections of automobile racing drivers will be on hand for the program of A. A. A. events Friday night at the **Union Speedway**, half mile course located at Springfield road, off Route No. 29 at Union. Doc MacKenzie, Eastern champion; Vern Orenduff; Frankie Bailey, Harry Angeloni, Frankie Beeder, and Tommie Hinnshot are coming to compete.

Union Speedway Races To Be Held

9/17/1936

UNION—The second daylight A.A.A. auto racing meet at Union Speedway will be held here Sunday afternoon, September 27. The feature will be a fifteen-mile Union Speedway Trophy Races event which also will be included in the Eastern States A.A.A. title point schedule.

The successful re-opening of the track for sunshine racing, after a summer of floodlight speed, prompted manager Andy Watts to announce several new regulations which have been adopted. Because of the record entry of over 45 cars last Sunday, Watts has advanced the starting time for the time trials to noon time and will not admit cars for trials after 7:30 p.m.

Another collection of the leading dirt track drivers in America will be on hand a week from Sunday.

Busy Season Assured For **Union Speedway**

UNION, April 17.—Three developments were announced today by the management of Union Speedway, located off Route 29 in this township, which assured a busy season for the second year of their auto race track.

First: Andy Watts has been retained to head the management. He was contracted by the owners for the second year and, with his duties as motorcycle manager of both Tri-City Stadium in Union and Stapleton Speedway on Staten Island, becomes one of the leading mentors of motorized racing in the country.

Second: Watts' first activity was to hold conferences with Ted Allen, national secretary of the American Automobile Association competition committee, which culminated in Union Speedway again operating under the sanction of the A. A. A., recognized governing body of auto racing in America.

Third: As a result of the agreement with the A. A. A. schedule, Union Speedway will open its season Sunday afternoon, May 9, with a full program topped by a 15-mile final.

4/18/1937



Ben Shaw

5/6/1937

Ben Shaw of Westville, N. J. who is staging a successful comeback on dirt tracks after a year's retirement. He will make his first start at **Union Speedway's** half-mile track, located off Route 29 in Union in Sunday afternoon's opening meet, topped by a fifteen-mile Golden Cup series event. Shaw has been driving for fifteen years, has been a ranking speed chauffeur in the A. A. A. for nearly a decade. He claims the world's half-mile lap record at 25.8 seconds, set last Sunday. Also in the field will be: Frankie Bailey of New Brunswick, A. A. A. Eastern states title-holder; Bob Sall of Paterson, 1936 Southeastern states title-holder and ex-champion of the Eastern states; Tony Wilman of Milwaukee; Frank Beeder of St. Louis; Vern Orenduff of Paterson; and Tommie Hinnershot of Laureldale, Pa.

Busy Speedster Awaits Union, Langhorne Races

5/8/1937



Frankie Bailey

Youngest driver to hold an A. A. sectional title, Frankie Bailey, of New Brunswick, will face the best field of drivers ever assembled at the year-old Union Speedway, located off Route 29, in Union, N. J., when its season opens with a 15-mile Golden Cup series final tomorrow afternoon. Bailey also will race at Langhorne, next Sunday, May 16.

Successful Promoter



6/6/1937 **Andy Watts**

Rapidly assuming the role of outstanding New Jersey promoter of motorized racing, Watts, former Newark professional bicycle racer, is manager of Tri-City Stadium in Union, leading motorcycle racing track in the East. Andy also manages the Stapleton motorcycle track in Staten Island and the Union Speedway auto racing track. His next meet will be this afternoon, at Union, with an A. A. A. program. Trenton fans know Watts as a referee of amateur boxing bouts.

Holmes Is Race Victor

UNION, N. J., June 7 (AP)—Wild Bill Holmes, registering his first major A. A. A. auto racing victories over a strong field, placed first yesterday in the tins* trials, five-mile qualifying event and 1-mile gold cup final at Union Speedway. _____ 6/7/1937

6/7/1937

Holmes Sweeps Auto Races

UNION, N. J., June 6 (AP).—Wild Bill Holmes, registering his first major A. A. A. auto racing victories over a strong field, placed first today in the time trials, five-mile qualifying event and fifteen-mile Gold Cup final at Union Speedway. Rain cut short the final event.

HOLLAND WINS AUTO RACE

Gibbons Forced Out by Motor Trouble on 17th Lap

5/9/1938

UNION, N. J., May 8 (AP).—Bill Holland of Philadelphia captured the inaugural of the Union Speedway Gold Cup Stakes today when Chet Gibbons of Paterson, who led most of the way in the ten-mile automobile race, had to quit because of motor trouble.

Before dropping out on the seventeenth lap, Gibbons had lapped the entire field with the exception of Holland, Cliff Hemmingway of Camden and Harry Sheeler of Paterson.

Rose Takes Auto Race

UNION, N. J., June 12 (AP).—Jack Rose of Chicago won the feature 17½-mile automobile race around the Union Speedway in 17:49.2 today. Len Duncan of Long Island was second and Joe Verebly of Bound Brook, third.

6/13/1938

Race at Union

UNION, N. J. — New Jersey's leading drivers of big cars will be included in the large entry which will compete in the Interstate dirt track automobile racing championships to be held at the **Union Speedway**, Sunday afternoon.

9/17/1938

Santo Escapes Jail Cell When Friends Pass Hat

10/7/1938

Albert Santo, auto race promoter, charged with passing bad checks and homicide, was out of jail today because he has more friends than he realized.

Ordered held in \$500 bail after a hearing on the check charge in Ridgewood Felony Court yesterday, Santo was ready to go to a cell when friends passed a hat around in the courtroom and in the halls to raise \$25—the bondsman's fee for producing the bail.

Santo was to have a hearing on the homicide charge yesterday, too, but it was postponed until Oct. 17.

The Promoter was arrested on the homicide charge Sept. 28 after 16-year-old Joseph Newmeyer of 157-04 92nd street, Howard Beach, was killed at Crossbay Speedway, Sunrise highway and Crossbay boulevard, Ozone Park, race track, operated by Santo.

Newmeyer was one of a group of boys who had sneaked into the track and were watching the races from the infield. According to witnesses, several special police started to chase the youths and Newmeyer leaped a guard rail and ran into the path of a speeding car. He

died a few minutes after the accident.

Santo was arrested again this week on a complaint signed by Frank Curtis, Hewlett racing car owner, who said Santo's check for \$158—first prize in a race won by Newt Meyer in Curtis' car—came back marked "insufficient funds."

Santo readily admitted he issued the check, but said he did so before a deal to sell a part interest in the race track to a Brooklyn promoter for \$1,500 fell through.

Nine other drivers holding checks totalling \$400 agreed not to cash them until the 37-year-old promoter could put money to cover them in the bank. In the meantime, they accepted a lease Santo held on the **Union Speedway**, Union City, N. J., as collateral.

The homicide charge against Santo is a technical one of failing to provide ample protection for spectators at the speedway.

Santo, father of three children, declared he was "the victim of an unfortunate accident." He denied special police employed at the track chased the Newmeyer boy on the night of the accident.

Speedway to Open

NEW YORK—A thrill a minute is promised when the nation's leading drivers meet Tuesday night in the opening event of the new **Union Speedway**, Route 29 and Springfield Road, Union, N. J., at which time Johnny Ulesky of Newark will head the parade of A. A. A. big-car participants.

4/29/1939

Nation's Best Drivers In Union Race Tuesday

4/30/1939

UNION, N. J., April 29. — Record-breaking performances are expected when the nation's leading drivers clash in the opening event on the new **Union Speedway**, Route 29 and Springfield Road, Tuesday evening. A big crowd is expected at this thrilling carnival of AAA big car competition staged under the general management of Albert Santo.

UNION BIG CAR

RACING TONIGHT

5/2/1939

Sensational record breaking performances are expected when the nation's leading drivers clash in the opening event on the new **Union Speedway**, Route 29, and Springfield Road, Union, this evening. A record crowd is expected at this thrilling carnival of AAA big car competition staged under the general management of Albert Santo.

With Johnny Ulesky of Newark, heading the parade of daredevil drivers, the race fans who will gather at Union are in for a great show. In the field pushing him for the opening honors will be Len Duncan, Walter Ader, and Walter Brown, among others.

Ralph De Palma, sensational driver of Indianapolis Classic fame, will be officiating to assure a fast moving card. The new speedway is considered the fastest track in the East.

Gibbons First in Auto Race

UNION, N. J., May 16 (AP).—Chet Gibbons of Brooklyn, driving a Drake Flathead, won the fifteen-mile feature automobile race at the Union Speedway tonight when he finished in 15:22, barely holding off Vic Nauman of Lebanon, Pa. Charley Breslin of Philadelphia, who had held the lead from the start, was forced out five miles from the finish when his motor burned out.

5/17/1939

Gibbons Victor In Motor Grind

UNION, N. J., May 16 (A. P.).—Chet Gibbons, of Brooklyn, won the 15-mile feature event in the second of Union Speedway big car races tonight when he finished in 15:22, barely holding off Vic Nauman of Lebanon, Pa.

Charley Breslin, of Philadelphia, who held the lead from the start, was forced out of the race five miles from the finish when his motor burned out.

5/17/1939

Jersey Auto Racing Tonight

Vic Nauman, Lebanon, Pa., driver, who has been the most consistent performer at Union Speedway this season, will return to the Union (N. J.) track to compete in the

A. A. A. big car automobile racing program tonight. Nauman will be opposed by a field of capable performers including Chet Gibbons, Mark Light, Johnny Ulesky, Len Duncan, Johnny Swier, Johnny Cebula and Newt Meyer. 5/23/1939

STAR DRIVERS ENTERED

Nauman in Auto-Racing Field at Union Speedway Tuesday

5/28/1939

Prevented from seeing action last week because of rain, leading drivers from New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania will participate in the weekly program of A. A. A. big car automobile races at the Union Speedway in Union, N. J., Tuesday night.

Heading the contingent from the Keystone State will be Vic Nauman, popular young star from Lebanon, who has been the most consistent performer on the Union half-mile oval. Nauman has two seconds to his credit in two starts.

New Rochelle Driver Wins Speedway Race

UNION, N. J., (AP)—Bill Holland of New Rochelle, driving a McDowell special, won the feature big car 15-mile race last night at Union Speedway in 15:19.8.

Holland was 15 yards ahead of Joe Sanco of Elizabeth at the finish.

5/31/1939

WINS RACE AT UNION

UNION, N. J. (AP).—Bill Holland of New Rochelle, N. Y., driving a McDowell Special, won the feature big car 15-mile race last night at Union Speedway in 15:19.8. Holland was 15 yards ahead of Joe Sanco of Elizabeth at the finish. 5/31/1939

AUTO RACING AT UNION SPEEDWAY

Big car racing will be brought back to New Jersey on Sunday, when the first annual Interstate championship races, featuring many of the leading stars in the country, will be held at Union Speedway in Union.

9/15/1939

Names which are by-words in big car automobile racing circles have been secured for the impending title test with pilots coming from as far west as the coast and as far south as Jacksonville. In all sixty miles of racing will be offered to the public.

One of the reasons that the program, as presented at Union, will bring out one of the greatest array of performers ever to be assembled at one track, is because of the fact that Albert Santo, who has been highly successful in promoting races at the Cross Bay International Speedway in Long Island, is presenting the national championships there.

Mr. Santo has moved his entire track staff over to the Union plant and work is rapidly progressing on bringing the oval into up to date shape. Especial attention is being put upon the guard rails. Mr. Santo expects a record turnout for the Union test, one to rival his large crowds which have been seeing the programs at Cross Bay each week.

As a special added attraction to help make the occasion a gala one. Cliff Austin, a rabid racing fan, who is always out to better automobile racing, has consented to make a delayed parachute jump and land in the Union Speedway infield. Qualifying trials will start at 10 A. M., with the first competitive heat listed for 3:30 P. M.

Hough's Cars Tops at Union

4/1/1940

UNION, N. J.—When the weekly midget racing meet is staged at the Union Speedway tomorrow night, drivers of "the three little pigs" will be among the aces bidding for the top honors in competition with leading chauffeurs from all over the country.

The light blue-colored machines carrying the picturesque tag are owned by Roscoe Hough, the veteran speedster from Fort Wayne, Ind., who fills a dual role since besides being the owner, he also drives one of the cars. Lew Volk of Paterson and Dee Toran, the inimitable roly-poly happy-go-lucky character from Mexico City are his other drivers.

This trio has been faring well in recent meets at Union and tomorrow night, they will endeavor to add even further laurels by capturing the triumph in the main event of the weekly meet after which they will be pointing for next Sundays races which will be topped by a 50-lap main event.

In addition to the drivers of Hough's "three little pigs," the entry list will include such stand-out chauffeurs as Doc Shanebrook, Red Redmond, George Fonder, Hawley Kight, Jimmy Forte, Johnny Ritter, Johnny Pierson, Charlie Miller, and Lloyd Christopher among others. Officials of the A. A. A. will be in charge of the meet.

New Body to Promote Automobile Racing

4/1/1940

The nation's strongest promotorial combination in the automobile racing field is scheduled to make its initial effort in a big-car program on Sunday afternoon, April 14.

Jack Kochman, Sherman Crise and Albert Sant, all veteran operators in the speed game, have allied themselves in a new corporation which will present both big-car and midget-car races throughout the East.

Their first venture will be at the **Union Speedway**, half-mile course on Springfield Road, just off Route 2 in Union Township, N. J.

Back to Big Cars

4/3/1940

Schindler and Gesell Will Be in Opening Meet at Union Speedway on April 14

Interesting to watch a week from Sunday at the Union Speedway in Union Township, N. J., in the initial speed program of auto racing in this part of the country will be the return to big car competition of former dirt track aces who have been devoting their full time to the midget car sport.

Bill Schindler of Freeport and Ernie Gesell of Hollis are two of the nation's best in both the small car and standard size car racing. Originally entering the speed game prior to midgets becoming popular in the East they deserted the big car, phase when the Class A meets started to fade from the picture. However, with Manager Al Santo, former Cross Bay boss, announcing that the Union Speedway was changing its policy to embrace only Class A programs with larger purses, the inducements have proved attractive enough for Schindler and Gesell to come back into the fold.

Schindler is the one-legged veteran driver who won a championship race series only weeks after leaving the hospital where his leg was amputated due to a speedway crackup. For years his name was

a big one in half-mile auto racing circles and he intends on the 14th to prove that he has lost none of his cunning in the time he has been missing from the big car field.

Gesell, winner of many sectional titles and hero of numerous close battles the country over, will appear in a lightning fast Hall speedwagon from the Midwest. The car, formerly piloted by the late Bud Henderson, is known as one of the speediest in the Chicago district and with Gesell's knowledge of the tricky Union course, the combination should produce results.

Young Daredevil

Dave Randolph Rides in Opening Big Car Race at Union Speedway Tomorrow

4/13/1940

The youngest big car driver in the country, Dave Randolph of Freeport, makes his big time debut tomorrow afternoon in the opening card of auto races at the **Union Speedway** in Union, N. J.

Young Randolph, fresh out of his teens, has for years yearned to wheel a race car but his tender age was the obstacle that could not be overcome in programs sanctioned

by the Contest Board of the American Automobile Association. He has competed for the past two seasons at tracks which did not come under the sanctioned jurisdiction.

A former athlete at Duke University and still carrying his Southern accent, Dave was all set late last year to make the plunge into fast company. On the way to the track, the tow chain snapped, sending the race car into a tree and bending it so badly that it never completed the trip to the speedway.

To prove that he is not supersti-

tious, Randolph will chauffeur a car which was involved in a fatal crack-up on a Pennsylvania track last year. Now completely reconditioned and with a new coat of paint, the speed wagon is ready for the track again.

National Midget Auto Title Race Is Scheduled June 30

100-Mile Event, Sanctioned By A. A. A., Will Be Held At Union, N. J., Speedway

UNION, N. J., June 10—The first such event in the history of the state, the national midget auto racing championships, featuring 100 miles of race competition, will be held at the half-mile Union speedway here on Sunday afternoon, June 30.

6/10/1940

▲ Announcement that official sanction of the event for the Union track had been received from the American Automobile association was made today by Promoters Albert Santo, Jack Kochman, and Red Crise who expect the meet to attract spectators from all over the eastern section of the country to see a field replete with leading midget car drivers bidding for title honors.

1-Mile Track Qualification

These entrants will have to win their places in the field by battling through qualifying time-trial competition. The trials will be held the morning of the championship meet, the races being scheduled to start at 3 p. m.

Plans are being prepared now for the event with thousands of spectators expected to throng the **Union speedway** for the championship program. In addition to many midget auto race drivers who are now in the east, the field will also include additional entrants from the west and south. All of these aces will have to earn their positions by qualifying, and when the feature race starts, the field will consist of the cream of the country's speed talent.

Officials of the American Automobile association will be in charge of all the competitive phases of the program on June 30 to provide official overtones to the championship aspect of the afternoon's racing.

IN MIDGET GRIND

UNION, N. J., June 21—One of the country's most brilliant drivers, bemustached Mel Hansen of Los Angeles, has entered the crack field which will compete in the midget auto racing championships at the half-mile Union speedway here on Sunday afternoon, June 30. 100 miles of racing will be featured on the program. 6/21/1940

'OFFIES' POPULAR IN RACE LINEUP

20 Cars In 100-Mile Event At Union Powered By Offenhausers

6/26/1940

UNION, N. J., June 26 — The greatest number of Offenhauser-motored cars ever to be gathered on one track in the east will be in the field when the midget auto racing championships are staged on the half-mile Union speedway here Sunday afternoon, featuring 100 miles of racing.

More than 20 cars powered by the mighty Offenhauser engine, regarded as the most expensive and most powerful of any in midget auto race ranks, will be in the lineup when the drivers gather on the Union track to bid for championship laurels. And these cars will be driven by some of the most brilliant chauffeurs in the country.

O'Day Entered

Another "Offie" entry reached Promoters Albert Santo, Jack Kochman and Red Crise yesterday when Hank O'Day, owner of the machine which was piloted by Joe Chitwood in the east last year, filed his entry for Sunday afternoon's race. Bill Holland, the famous Philadelphia product, who now makes his headquarters in Paterson, N. J., will be at the wheel of the car.

Among the other stars who will be piloting Offenhauser-motored machines in Sunday's midget car championships will include such aces as Sam Hanks, the California speedster; Babe Bower, national title winner last year; Mel Hansen, the bemustached star from the west coast; Paul Russo of Chicago and Duane Carter of Los Angeles.

Many other crack drivers are set for this big meet on the half-mile Union speedway Sunday afternoon. Tommy Hinnershitz of Laureldale, Pa., Mark Light of Lebanon, Pa., Duke Nalon of Chicago, Tony Willman of Milwaukee, Joe Garson of Port Washington, L. I., and Red Redmond of Atlanta are included in the lineup.

The racing is scheduled to start at three o'clock with the gates being opened for admission at 12 noon. The time trials will be held in the morning, the field of about 100 drivers battling for the 33 qualifying positions in this "Little Indianapolis classic."

In event that the meet is rained out, it will be presented here the following Sunday afternoon, July 7.

BAUER HEADS FIELD IN MIDGET CLASSIC

33 Cars To Start Grind Tomorrow
For National Crown At
Union, N. J.

6/29/1940

UNION, N. J., June 29—The fastest of all the machines bidding for qualifying places, 33 cars will line up at the starting line tomorrow afternoon on the half-mile, **Union speedway** here and will road away in the first midget auto racing championships ever held in New Jersey.

Babe Bauer, Philadelphia star who captured the national title last year, will head the field of drivers seeking championship honors here tomorrow but any one of fifteen different stars is a strong threat to come through and annex the title race. Besides Bower, that redoubtable field of speed aces which will compete in the big event on the newly-conditioned **Union speedway** will include drivers from every section of the country.

Among the standout drivers in the field gathered together for this championship event by Promoters Albert Santo, Jack Kochman and Red Crise are listed as Bower's spirited foes Duke Nalon and Paul Russo of Chicago, Sam Hanks, Duane Carter and Mel Hansen of California; Mark Light and Tommy Hinnerschitz, Pennsylvania aces; Dee Toran and Indian Joe Chitwood, Oklahoma entrants; Frankie Bailey and Bill Holland of New Jersey; Tony Willman, the Milwaukee sensation; Lyle Dickey, another west coast driver; and Red Redmond of Atlanta.

7/1/1940

Midget Auto Crown to Hanks

UNION, N. J., June 30 (AP)—Assuming command at the start, Sam Hanks of Alhambra, Calif., won the Eastern fifty-mile midget auto championship today at Union Speedway. The Californian finished with a two and one-half lap lead.

Sam Hanks Wins Midget Race Title

UNION, N. J., June 30 (A. P.).— Assuming command at the start, Sam Hanks, Alhambra, Calif., won the Eastern 50-mile midget auto championship today at Union Speedway.

The Californian moved steadily ahead to finish with a two and one-half lap lead. He was timed in 48:14:28 for the 100 laps.

Henry Banks, Royal Oak., Mich., moved from fourth to second place in the last 20 laps. Babe Bower, Philadelphia, was third followed by Lee Wallard, Schenectady, N. Y.; Tony Williman, Milwaukee, and Bill Morrissey, Newark.

A field of 26 started, but about half were forced out by motor trouble in the final 50 laps.

7/1/1940

\$5,000 FOR MIDGET AUTOS

National Title Race Planned on
Sept. 15 at Union Speedway

7/14/1940

A national championship midget auto racing program will be held Sunday afternoon, Sept. 15, on the half-mile Union Speedway track, Union Township, N. J., according to an announcement by Speedway Enterprises.

The purse being offered is \$5,000, and it is expected to attract a star field. The distance will be 200 laps. Sherman Crise and Jack Kochman are promoting the event.

\$5,000 in Prizes For Midget Autos

NEW YORK—A national championship midget auto racing program will be held Sunday afternoon September 15, on the half-mile Union Speedway track, Union Township, N. J., according to an announcement by Speedway Enterprises. The largest purse ever offered for a midget car race will be posted.

The purse being offered is \$5,000 and it is expected to attract a star field. The distance will be 200 laps. Sherman Crise and Jack Kochman are promoting the event, which is being sanctioned by the contest board of the American Automobile association.

7/20/1940

Randolph, Racing Driver, Hurt

UNION, N. J., Aug. 7 (AP)—Dave Randolph, 21-year-old Freeport, L. I., racing driver, received minor injuries tonight when his machine crashed through a fence in the twenty-second lap of the twenty-five-lap big-car feature race at the Union Speedway. Randolph, who is registered at Hofstra College as Bayard Tewksbury, was taken to Irving General Hospital. 8/8/1940

Randolph Is First On Union City Track

Still nursing bruises suffered when his car went over the fence here two weeks ago Dave Randolph, Freeport, L. I., driver, won the twenty-five-lap feature event of the midget automobile racing program at the Union Speedway, Union City, N. J., last night.

Sent away in second place after turning in the second fastest time trial, the Freeporter trailed Johnnie Ulesky of Elizabeth for four laps, then shot into the lead and won by a quarter-lap margin. He was timed in 11:49.1.

Second place went to Bill Holland of Paterson, with Vic Nauman of Lebanon, Pa., third, and Ulesky fourth.

8/22/1940

Randolph Wins 25 Lap Race

**Defeats Holland, White
Plains Driver** 8/22/1940

UNION, N. J. — Out in front for virtually the entire distance, young Dave Randolph, 21-year-old collegian of Freeport, L. I., captured the 25-lap feature event at the Union Speedway here last night. Burning up the slippery, oil-soaked track, Randolph breezed in by a comfortable margin over Bill Holland of White Plains, N. Y., leading big car AAA point scorer, who added to his lead in the Eastern standing by taking second place. Vic Nauman of Lebanon, Pa., was third.

Starting from the No. 1 spot after pacing the qualifiers with a blazing 0:28.3 mark, Johnny Ulesky of Newark, N. J., moved to the front, closely followed by Randolph and Holland as the trio moved steadily away from the pack. Holland, off from the No. 5 position, shot his Miller into third place and stayed there until the 10th lap when he cut through on the inside to set sail for the flying Randolph. But the sensational Long Island youngster had built up a 10-length lead and easily fought off the Holland threat to triumph.

After qualifying in 0:28.5, Holland failed to win an event, placing third in his first heat and second to Rex Records in the first semi-final.

HOLLAND HEADS FIELD FOR INTERSTATE RACE

9/10/1940

Impressive List Of Drivers To Compete For Big Car Title At Union Speedway

Bill Holland of Paterson, N. J., heads the impressive field of big car drivers who will assemble tomorrow night for the A. A. A. Inter-State championship race at the Union, N. J., speedway.

Holland currently has to his credit more feature victories than any other driver enrolled under the A. A. A. banner and will be favored to lead the field past the starters flag in the title event.

Dark horses in the race include young Dave Randolph of Freeport, whose spectacular showing in his last two appearances at the Union, track have stamped him as a strong rival for honors. Indian Joe Chitwood also is regarded as a formidable candidate for feature honors.

Other star drivers expected to show up at the starting line include Everett Saylor, Tommy Hinnerschitz, Vic Nauman, Rex Records, Chet Gibbons, Newt Meyer, Walter Ader, Joe Sanco, Hank Rogers, Johnny Ulesky, Lee Waldard, Bert Ross, and Ora Bean.

UNION SPEEDWAY

PRESENTS RACES

Shifting activities from the conventional fifth mile speedway to a big half mile plant in midget auto racing brings about any number of angles including the foremost one of terrifically higher speeds. Such a change is being made Sunday afternoon when the mighty little thunder wagons will roar over the fast Union Speedway with its spacious turns and long straightaways. Every Sunday night has seen the mechanical bugs scream round the fifth mile Tri-City Stadium which is under the same management but the schedule now brings the midgets to the half mile strip which is located on Springfield road, just off Route 29, Union.

This program will mark the second time that the small but highly powered speed creations will be wheeled on a New Jersey big car track. 9/19/1940

MIDGET RACES

AT UNION OVAL

5/7/1942

That the public is hungry for midget auto races was proven last Sunday night at the Union Speedway on Route 29, Union, when a packed house of enthusiastic fans cheered, whistled and stamped their feet in approval as the "Doodle Drivers" battled for winning position in

CHRISTOPHER WINS RACE

UNION, N. J., (AP)—Lloyd Christopher of Los Angeles captured the 25-lap midget auto race at Union Speedway last night in 7:07.93. Second in the five-mile grind was Johnny Jars of Philadelphia. He was followed by Charley Miller, Linden; Charley Breslin, Philadelphia, and Larry Bloomer, Collegeville, Pa., last week's winner.

5/11/1942

Christopher Wins Auto Race

UNION, N. J., May 10 (AP)—

Lloyd Christopher of Los Angeles captured the twenty-five-lap midget auto race at Union Speedway tonight in 7:07.93. Second in the five-mile grind was Johnny Jars of Philadelphia. He was followed by Charley Miller, Linden; Charley Breslin, Philadelphia, and Larry Bloomer, Collegeville, Pa., last week's winner.

5/11/1942

Auto Race to Christopher

UNION, N. J., May 17 (AP)—Lloyd Christopher of Miami scored his second straight midget auto race victory at Union Speedway when he took tonight's 25-lap feature in 7:09. Lew Volk of Paterson finished second: 5/18/1942

DOC SHANEBOOK AT UNION OVAL

Solid favorites with speed fans for many years, "Bullet Joe" Garson of Great Neck, L. I. and Doc Shanebrook of Detroit will be among the stand-out drivers in the weekly mid-get auto racing meet at Union Speedway Sunday night at 8:30. Their immediate motive will be victory in the 25-lap main event which headlines the races.

Both of these drivers have been consistent performers throughout recent seasons and have been quite effective in competition at Union.

The pair of aces will be in the lineup at Union Sunday night and among the other drivers in there will be included Lloyd Christopher, the Miami chauffeur who was the feature winner in the last two meets; Larry Bloomer, Pennsylvanian who was the inaugural victor; and such perennial threats as Johnny Ritter, Charlie Miller, and Johnny Pierson.

MIDGET
AUTO RACES

6/14/1942 100-LAP FEATURE
New Jersey Championship
TONIGHT AT 8:45 P. M.

UNION SPEEDWAY

Route 24
Union NJ

Fonder Gains Auto Title

UNION, N. J., June 21 (AP)—

George Fonder, Philadelphia midget car speedster, captured the twenty-mile New Jersey championship race tonight at Union Speedway.

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Racing of Midget Autos Brings Jersey Protests

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UNION, N. J., June 29—While irate motorists unable to buy gasoline protested today to rationing officials against midget auto racing Sunday nights at Union Speedway here, Mayor F. Edward Biertuempfel, head of the local defense committee, declared the operators of the track were within their legal rights.

"While some people claim the racing cars are burning up valuable gas and rubber, we must consider the requests of government officials to maintain public morale through sports and recreation," the Mayor said. "If, however, the government tells us to close the track to save gas and rubber we'll do it in ten minutes."

OCD Postpones Prohibition Of Auto Racing Until July 31

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Philadelphia midget automobile racing promoters got the go-ahead signal from Washington yesterday.

The Office of Defense Transportation announced that its order prohibiting automobile, midget auto and motorcycle racing for the duration will not go into effect until July 31. This Friday was the original date set for the end of the Nation's motor racing program, scheduled as a rubber-conservation move.

No reason for deferment of the racing prohibition was given in Washington, but it was believed postponed in order to give promoters and others making their living from the sport more time in which to adjust themselves to the change. In most other instances where Government officials have stopped manufacturing or other activities in order to conserve the Nation's resources for war, at least a month's warning was given. The original auto racing prohibition was not issued until last week.

Philadelphia promoters, on receiving word of the postponement, immediately announced plans to continue operation until the end of the month. Walter D. Secrist, whose Frankford Yellow Jacket Speedway at G st. and Erie ave., is the scene of a 100-lap championship race tonight, said that his track will operate each Monday evening until the racing prohibition goes into effect. Jack Kochman and Sherman F. Crise, of Eastern Enterprises, Inc., also announced plans to continue racing at the three tracks they control—the Philadelphia Gardens, Broad st. and Lehigh ave.; Dorney Park Speedway, Allentown, and the **Union Speedway**, Union, N. J.

As a result of the ODT's deferment, Kochman and Crise switched the Gardens' Eastern 100-lap championship from this Friday to Saturday evening; the event has drawn a field of 60. Saturday has been the regular racing night at the Gardens.

Shanebrook's Auto First

UNION, N. J., July 12 (AP)—Doc Shanebrook of Detroit captured the five-mile midget automobile race at the Union Speedway in 6:40.52 tonight. George Fonder of Philadelphia was second, Dee Toran of Mexico City, third, and Roscoe Hough of Fort Wayne, Ind., fourth. Shanebrook and Toran won the semi-final races, while the former took his heat also for a clean sweep for the night. 7/13/1942