

Racetrack Rambles Cont.

In the Sportsmen 50-Lap Championship Race, it was Howie Slocum, No. 4X, of Allentown, all the way. Howie, who had earned the pole position by being high pointman, started out in the lead and gradually widened it until he had lapped the slower cars, not once, but several times. Howie headed his car for the finish line, never slacked off for the entire race, and was clocked in one lap turning the track in 23 seconds—which for the Sportsmen Class is remarkable.

Hard luck for the night was Ray Jordan, No. 3, of Cuba, driving his '57 Chevy, powered by a brand new '64 Corvette Engine, when on the 20th lap, running in 4th spot, was forced from the competition due to overheating problems.

For a re-cap: In the Sportsmen Division—Jim Preston, No. 61, took the 1st heat; Ed Schwanz, No. 50, won the 2nd heat; Harold Easton, No. 57, won the "Consy"; and Howie Slocum, No. 4X, won the Trophy in the Feature.

In the Modern Class: Moe Kessler, No. 4F, took the 1st heat with Ray Jordan, No. 3, a close second. In the 2nd heat Willis Deitz, No. 92, came in first with Zon Davison, No. 39, close on his wheels. The 3rd heat saw a close battle with Dick Anderson, No. 56, barely beating out Don Wood, No. 203, with Joe Tomes, No. 13, coming in a close third. In the "Consy", Frank Raymond, No. 76, took 1st with Lee Kennison, No. 47X, placing 2nd. In the 50-Lap Feature: Moe Kessler, No. 41, won the trophy; with Don Wood, No. 203, coming in 2nd; Bob Bigley, No. 7, 3rd; Zon Davison, No. 39, 4th; and Shoemaker, No. 18, 5th.

Sunday we goofed off from our usual coverage of the Perry Raceway, and by dint of a hard and rather fast driving trip, arrived at the Trenton, N. J., Speedway around Noon in time for the time trials for their big 150 mile speed classic.

Thru the courtesy of Sam Nunis, Track Director, we were lined up with a Pit Pass so were able to take pictures from the infield and see how the Big Boys from Indianapolis performed.

The track at the Trenton Speedway is a full mile, paved track, with banked turns, which allows these big time racers to put on blazing exhibitions of high speed.

In the time trials, three of the new rear-engine Lotus Ford powered racers, set new track records and earned the 1st three positions for the big race, passing "thru the lights" at speeds up to 136 miles per hour on the home stretch.

We were very fortunate and snapped a good shot of the cars just as they were starting the race with Roger Ward, No. 2, starting out on the outside pole position; No. 52, on the inside pole position; and A. J. Foyt, No. 1, on the No. 2 outside pole position.

Roger Ward, No. 2, took the lead at the beginning of the race with No. 52, in close pursuit; and A. J. Foyt, No. 1, in the 3rd slot. Mile after gruelling mile, these three leaders kept up the killing pace under the terrific hot sun with Roger Ward gradually pulling away from Foyt as they lapped the slower cars several times.

After 90 laps, Ward had pulled his sleek No. 2 racer out in front until he had at least half a lap lead over Foyt in his No. 1, front engine Offenhauser. About this time we left our position at the edge of the track between the No. 3 and No. 4 turns and walked back to the pit area to see who was holding down the 1st 5 slots. Thus we were on hand just as Ward pulled into the pits suffering from the heat and driver fatigue. Roger was in such an exhausted state that the pit crew had to lift him out of his racer and carry him over into the shade while his relief driver slid into the cockpit and roared off after a 5 gallon-can of fuel was dumped into the thirsty gas tank.

This costly loss of time in the pits moved Ward's car back into 5th position with Foyt moving out into the lead which he held for the rest of the race. Several times we noticed Foyt's crew motioning him into the pits only to have A. J. shake his head and wave them

off. It was only after the race was over that the true drama of this incident was brought to light as Foyt announced when interviewed, that his brakes had given out on the 55th lap and he had driven the remaining 95 laps with no brakes at all.

Despite the terrible heat and the terrific pace set by the drivers running at such high speeds, there were no accidents to mar the entire race.

We have never had the opportunity to attend the "Big 500" at Indianapolis but after viewing this "150 Mile Classic" at Trenton and seeing the pagentry with a throng of around 10,000 excited cheering spectators greeting the winner of the race, figure that this show must rate a close second to the "Big One".

Now that we have this out of our system, maybe we can get back into the groove and start covering our own area tracks with their exciting contests between our favorite Modern Drivers and their familiar "Hot Cars".

In other results, the dispersal of many colored balloons marked the beginning of racing entertainment at Sportsman's Raceway in Ulysses, Pa., Saturday evening. Sportsman's Raceway is clearly printed on these balloons and anyone finding one of them may present it at the entrance gate and be admitted free to any race during the remainder of the season.

As the racing got under way Jack Johnston of Wellsboro, Pa., won the first Novice heat. Fred

McCaslin of Mills, Pa., winning the Second heat.

In the B-Modified Class Don Kio of Ulysses won the first heat and Lyle Cornelius of Wellsville won the second.

In the Modern Class Bill Layfield of Allentown won the first heat with Gabe Hanes, Galeton, winning the second heat in a Sherwood Special.

Taking first place in the Novice Feature was Bob Williams, Woodhull, N. Y. John Schoener of Galeton, placed second and Phil Pipe, Corning, took third.

Sonny Hanes of Galeton, took first place for the B-Modified Division. Don Kio, placed second and Bill Layfield, Wellsville, 3rd.

For the Modern Stock Feature Bill Layfield placed first with Don Kio second, and Charles

Smith of Ulysses, third. Next Saturday evening the added attraction will be a bicycle race. All boys are asked to bring their bicycles.

Conservation News

Walter Gallman of Angelica, Director of the Allegany County Soil & Water Conservation District says: 10 more ponds in Allegany County were stocked with bass on July 8th.

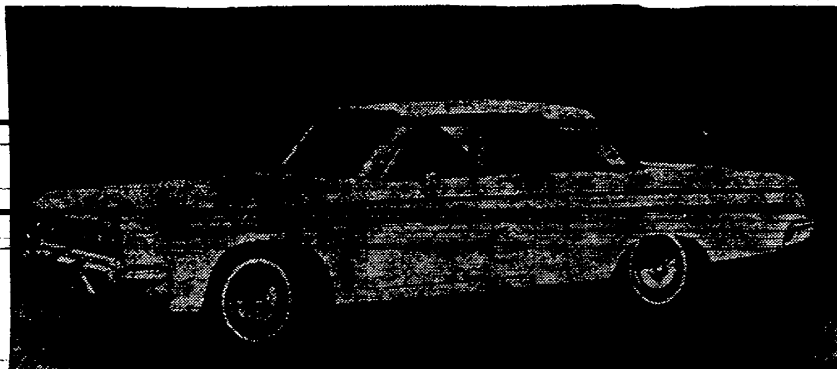
Mr. Gallman says bass have done very well in the pond on the property of Donald Messinger but some of the big ones are rather hard to catch.

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