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Smashes - Crashes - Add Thrills To Stock Car Races

NASCAR stock car racing at the Flemington Fairgrounds next Saturday night (July 9) at 8:30 o'clock looks as one of the toughest, ugliest battles of all time.

Flemington has tightened to the point that the sanctioning body of the local every-Saturday-night races will increase its staff of officials to handle this week's rough-neck program.

It will have resulted from the car-wrecking session last Saturday night when every race except the consolation had to be restarted because of crashes. The 25-lap feature was restarted five times.

Crashes in the main go brought arguments between Russ Meyer, of Hawthorne, and Russ Delp, of Reading, Pa., the feature winner, and between George Moore, of Glassboro, and Joe Rosko, of Dover. Officials stepped in to soothe the angered feelings and the big race was completed.

Norman Biles, 31-year-old ace from Easton, spent the night in the Hatterden Medical Center hospital after his car crashed the guardrail and flipped over the outside entry in the feature. His was one of nine separate crashes during the evening. He was discharged Sunday afternoon after treatment for head injuries.

Also in crashes were Logan Longstreet, Staten Island; Bud Olsen, Paulsboro; Freddy Fehr, Easton; Lester Rains, N. Branch; Dan Budd, Fliegton; Harry Charles, Easton; John Tykorsky, Trenton; Charles Whitehead, Lambertville; Russ Meyer, Haddonfield; George Moore, Glassboro; Joe Rosko, Dover; Bob Hall, Flemington; Joe Simonet, of Hasking Ridge.

Delp became the first repeat winner here when he copped the main go with his Sportsman entry. He also won June 18.

The drivers this Saturday again will try to manhandle their stock cars through four elimination heats and the 25-lap Championship Sweepstakes.

One of the most determined drivers to keep Delp from becoming a three-time winner here this Saturday night will be Flemington's own Bob Hall. If Hall can stop Delp and the other stars and break over the finish line first in the 25-lap Championship Sweepstakes he also will become a two-time winner. He won his first one inaugural night, May 28, in his "hopped up" modified car. Delp's car is in the Sportsman division.

Hall loomed as a possible repeater last Saturday night when he grabbed a high spot third place in his last race, the third event. He crashed in the 10-lap race. He started in eighth place of the 10-car field.

He was fourth in the feature 25-lapper although his car was involved in a wreck with three others. The car came to the second corner the third time the race was restarted on the 12th lap. Involved with it were Joe Rosko, of Dover; Freddy Fehr, Easton, and Joe Simonet, Hasking Ridge.