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McLaughlin Wins Three Races At Flemington Oval

It was Jackie McLaughlin all the way Saturday night at the Flemington Fairgrounds, as the Thorofare, N. J., youngster won all three races in which he started and won close to \$500 in prize money for 35 miles of racing.

The long program—it did not end until 1 a.m., packed enough action to last for a long while, with too many crackups to keep accurate score.

No driver was injured despite several cars going end-over-end, wheels being lost and other eventful happenings.

McLaughlin won a 35-lap feature, which was postponed from the preceding Saturday during the annual Flemington Fair, dusting off Kenny Wismer, Easton, Pa., Jackie Burgstesser, Phillipsburg, N. J., and 18 other contenders.

He came back later to win a 10-lap qualifier and completed the "triple" in outrunning Ralph Smith, Aberdeen, Md., Wismer and 15 others. It was the best individual performance of the year for any driver.

Matching McLaughlin in heat wins were Smith and Randy Morton, E. Millstone, N. J., with Jim Conroy, Bedminster, N. J., capturing the 15-lap semi-feature that was held over from the annual Fair.

Les Farley of Califon won the 10-lap consolation race and Walt Corcoran of Middlesex, N. J., copied his third 10-lap novice race of the year at Flemington.

The meet packed 125 laps of competition, of which 50 laps were originally to be run during the Fair.

The Saturday night programs continue this week with another six-event slate due to start at 8:30 p.m. The highlight of the show will be the 25-lap feature with the novice drivers also entered in the madcap.

McLaughlin Tops Flemington Field

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FLEMINGTON, N.J., Sept. 2.— Jackie McLaughlin, leading by the first crackling start, dominated all the tonight's races. He won the 35-lap feature, which was postponed from the preceding Saturday during the annual Flemington Fair, dusting off Kenny Wismer, Easton, Pa., Jackie Burgstesser, Phillipsburg, N. J., and 18 other contenders.

Fair of last week and packed 125 laps of competition. McLaughlin started in the 10-lap consolation race, which was held over from the annual Fair, and won it easily.

A big crowd attended on the cold night and got the best of entertainment value. That some could say with every race a thriller, including the 15-lap semi-feature that had to be stopped because of a fire-busting accident. No driver was injured though cars rolled, flipped, lost wheels and did everything laughable.

McLaughlin's nearest heat to the 10-lap race came from Kenny Wismer, who gained 2nd, and Jackie Burgstesser, who ran 3rd. There were 15 others trailing in the biggest field race of the year. Ralph Smith did a few laps to lead the 10-lap race but finally gave way to McLaughlin while Wismer came on for 2nd. McLaughlin's heat win was matched by Randy Morton and Smith, Jimmy Conroy and the 15-lap semi-feature. Walt Corcoran, finishing outside 10th, won another novice race, capturing another season's triumph.