

McLaughlin, Late Arriver Wins Feature Stock Event

Wickie McLaughlin, whose car arrived too late for any of the heat races at the Flemington Fairgrounds oval Saturday night, alighted to a fast finish in the second consolation race, and slammed to a crashing first place prize in the feature 25-lap event.

Competing against some of the top drivers in the stock car circuit, McLaughlin who started in the rear of the pack passed eleven cars in the first turn on the dustless track to wind up in third spot after the first lap, took over the coveted first place spot from Bud Olson with six laps left in the feature.

In the remaining laps left he held off Bud Olson, who finished third, Al Tasmady who passed Olson for second spot, Pat Wohlgenuth, Bob Boudner and Jim Metzler who finished in sixth spot.

Bud Olson and Pat Wohlgenuth fought tooth-and-nail for first place honors in the first heat event, Olson finally grabbing the honors from Wohlgenuth with Hoot Schlabbe, Bob Boudner and Jim Metzler finishing in regular order.

In the second 10-lap heat event Frankie Schneider of Lambertville, appearing for the first time on the track in many years, finished first, followed by Ed Farley Bunny Schneider, brother of Frank, Harold Scott and Al Couse.

Jim Metzler, driving his regular stock car, 2A, took over the lead in the third heat event during the fourth lap, widened the gap to walk away with final honors. Second was Tasmady, followed by Doc Laubach, Frank Geragaty and Bob Pickell.

Two Consolation Heats

Because of the vast array of stock cars on hand, a total of 15 which represented the largest number yet registered at Flemington, two consolation heats were run off. Whit Mulligan and Chub Hower finishing first and second in the first, McLaughlin and Jake Jacobus in this order in the second.

McLaughlin arrived early at the track, but had to wait for his car to show up, which had difficulties enroute, which accounted for him entering the consolation race.

Bill Nadeau and Ed Knechel, both from North Branch, finished first and second in the Novice Race, one which featured the largest turnout of beginners the local track had yet marked down in this event.

Each week the novice drivers seem to improve vastly in their driving skill, showing positive proof of their future ability on the fast turning four-corner track at Flemington.

The top ranked stock car racing pilots competing in the every-Saturday night NASCAR stock car events at the Fairgrounds have five more weeks to score championship points for the two track titles up for grabs.

The exciting professional and novice races are set for July 27, also August, 3, 10, 17 and 24th, with the annual Flemington Fair causing a break in the continuity until September 2.

The Fair, one of the oldest in America, will run from August 27 through September 2. Believing that the stock car patrons are well provided for with weekly programs being staged for their enjoyment and that the Fair should cater to other speedway tastes, the management has booked three after-