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FLEMINGTON, N. J. — Maybe it isn't possible to win three feature races in the every-Saturday-night NASCAR stock car battle on the tricky half-mile Flemington Fairgrounds track.

That's what many fans and drivers were forecasting after both Jack Bergstrusser, of Phillipsburg, N. J., and Russ Delp, of Reading, Pa., failed to do it Saturday night.

But Bergstrusser and Delp aren't discouraged over the prospects and they'll try again this Saturday night here (July 23). That despite the fact they were victims of the "jinx" which often hounds racing men, particularly when they're close to that No. 1 victory.

Delp was out of the race before the half-way mark because of mechanical difficulty and Bergstrusser blew a tire on the 21st lap.

The winner of that 25-lap Championship feature was hard-riding Ken Wismer, of Easton, who hadn't won the big one here this year.

Wismer helped make it a big night for the sportsman division cars. The

sportsman cars won two of the four preliminary races and copped the first four places in the main go.

The trio of sportsman car drivers who followed Wismer over the finish line in the 25-lap main Saturday night to beat the modifieds were Hully Buhn, of Bristol, Conn., Hoop Schabbe of Upper Black Eddy, Pa., and Pat Wohlgemuth, of Morristown, N. J.

Winners of the three 10-lap heats were, in order: Delp, Wismer and Bergstrusser. Ronnie Kohler, of Paterson, N. J., in a modified, won the consolation.

Wrecks again took their toll of cars. Victims were Jim Niccardi, Union, N. J.; Red Tomlinson, Croydon, Pa.; Bob Hall, Flemington; Spud Murphy, Lakewood, Fla., and Doug Craig, Philadelphia, Pa.

This Saturday night's thrilling race card will include four 10-lap elimination races plus the 25-lap Championship Sweepstakes. The first race will start at 8:30 p.m.

With all of the headliners having rebuilt their cars from recent wrecks, NASCAR officials look for a record field Saturday night.