

Late Model Car Race Set For Nov. 6

Fayetteville's final stock car racing program of the 1955 season, the annual late model events featuring the Grand National Circuit drivers and cars, will be staged over the fast third of a mile banked track located several miles south of Fayetteville on Highway 301 Sunday afternoon, November 6.

Track Manager Alvin Hawkins announced today that the late model program would include two 25-lap heats and a 150-lap feature, similar to the spring program that opened the North Carolina late model stock car race program last March.

The sportsman and amateur program staged last Sunday over the high banked track wound up the races for those two divisions with Bill Myers, of Germantown, N. C. winning the sportsman track championship for the season and Paul Walton of High Point taking top honors in the amateur division for the year.

Although winner of the track title, Bill Myers' last appearance here will be something for the Germantown driver to long remember after that sensational crash that sent his car twisting and rolling five times down the straightaway in front of the grandstand.

Latest reports from Winston-Salem, however, indicate that Myers was not seriously injured and a recheck of the driver after his return to Winston-Salem indicates that he will be in condition to continue his racing activities for the season.

Myers is leading by a big margin in the NASCAR national sportsman championship with the season ending October 31. Bill's brother, Bobby, captured the 50-lap sportsman feature last Sunday for his second triumph of the season at Champion Raceway.

When the late model speedsters return here November 6, Herb Thomas, of Sanford will be the driver to beat, Thomas, driving a Chevrolet, for the first time, won the spring 150-lap feature over the Champion track.

Rated among other top drivers to compete will be Jim Reed of Peekskill, N. Y., the defending national short track champion; Lee Petty of Randleman, the 1954 Grand National Circuit champion, and Bob Welborn of Greensboro, runner up in the late model short track division championship campaign.

Today's Sports Parade

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NEW YORK (AP) — The recent release of Vic Raschi by the lowly Kansas City Athletics points up once again today what a superb job Casey Stengel has done in leading the New York Yankees to six pennants and five world championships in seven years.

Just two years ago, Raschi, who three times was a 20-game winner in that five-straight world championship span, was let go by Stengel. Of the remainder of Stengel's former big three, Allie Reynolds passed it up last season and Ed Lopat was released in July.

Changeovers like that have become commonplace to Old Case, however, because in his seven seasons at the Yankee held he has used an amazing total of 105 different players.

Last season, as example, he dethroned the Cleveland Indians with another mad bit of platooning — 40 different men wearing the Yankee flannels at one time or another. Of the club he took over back in 1949, only four men have been with the Yankees consecutively. These are Yogi Berra, Phil Rizzuto, Hank Bauer and Charley Silvera.

Only Three Regulars

In other words, three regulars. They called Old Case a clown when he sat down to play but he has had the rest of the league crying ever since. Credit it greatly to the farm system, if you will. Yet you still have to win em on the field and who can deny but what he has, since that first season, lost more great players than they got back for him.

Look at the ones who have dropped by the wayside since his first season.

Joe DiMaggio . . . Tommy Henrich . . . Charlie Keller . . . Joe Page . . . Johnny Mize . . . Johnny Sain . . . and Bobby Brown.

Or has Stengel been reluctant to trade away some highly-regarded talent. Enough, actually, to hold the league together when you take into account just the cream of the crop. Guys like Gene Woodling, Jackie Jensen, Bob Porterfield, Johnny Lindell, Billy Johnson, Spec Shea, Vic Power, Sherman, Lollar and Willie Miranda.

Recognized Rehabilitation

. . . The Brooklyn Dodgers hadn't been beaten by a route-going lefthander this year until the second game of the World Series. The job was done by Tommy Byrne — the same Tommy Byrne who as a real "wild man" was traded away by Stengel in 1951. It was Stengel who recognized his rehabilitation and brought him back to the big time from the minors late in the 1954 season.

Seldom, however, does a team lose in the span of two years three big pitchers like Reynolds, Raschi and Lopat were for the Yankees and keep right on rolling along.

The proof of Stengel's mystifying ability to juggle players is clearly evident in the Raschi and Lopat cases. Possibly they might have had better records with the Yankees yet the fact remains that Big Vic had a 4-6 mark at Kansas City and Lopat was 7-12 on the year after going to Baltimore.

Duke Drops To 14th Place Among Teams

NEW YORK (AP) — Michigan, which appears to play only as hard as it must to win maintained only a slight lead over Maryland and Oklahoma today in the closest college football ratings ever voted by the United Press Board of Coaches. Only 10 points separated the top three teams in this week's ratings. Michigan was the top choice of 12

of the 35 leading coaches who comprise the United Press rating board. Maryland received 10 first-place votes and Oklahoma nine. This week's voting was so concentrated that a total of only 18 teams were mentioned in the coaches' ballots.

Never before in the six-year history of the United Press ratings

were the top three teams so closely bunched, or did so few teams receive votes that there were not even enough to comprise a "second ten."

Gained Considerable Ground

Maryland, which trounced Syracuse 34-13 for its sixth triumph of the season, and Coach Bud Wilkinson's Sooners, who crushed Colorado 56-21 and all-but clinched a berth in the Orange Bowl, thus gained considerable ground in their bid to overtake Michigan. The Wolverines' first-place margin has dwindled from a high of 66 points two weeks ago, to 26 points last week, and to its present six points as they struggled with weak Big Ten opponents.

A comparatively formful week-

end left the first six teams the same as the week before, with Navy, UCLA and Michigan State trailing the "big three" in that order. Texas A&M's Southwest Conference leaders were the week's only new team in the top ten, jumping three places to 10th. Notre Dame also advanced three notches to No. 7, while Auburn and Southern California were tied for the eighth ranking.

First Place Votes

Besides the top three teams, Navy, UCLA, Michigan State and Southern California each received one vote for first place.

Last weekend's biggest upset produced the only change in this week's top ten, Duke, beaten 26-7 by Pittsburg, dropped from the

seventh to 14th place, giving Texas A&M an opportunity to join the select group after a 19-7 triumph over Baylor.

West Virginia retained the No. 11 ranking for the second week in a row. Georgia Tech, Texas Christian, Duke and Ohio State filled the next spots in that order, with Pittsburg, Holy Cross and the Washington Huskies tied for 16th.

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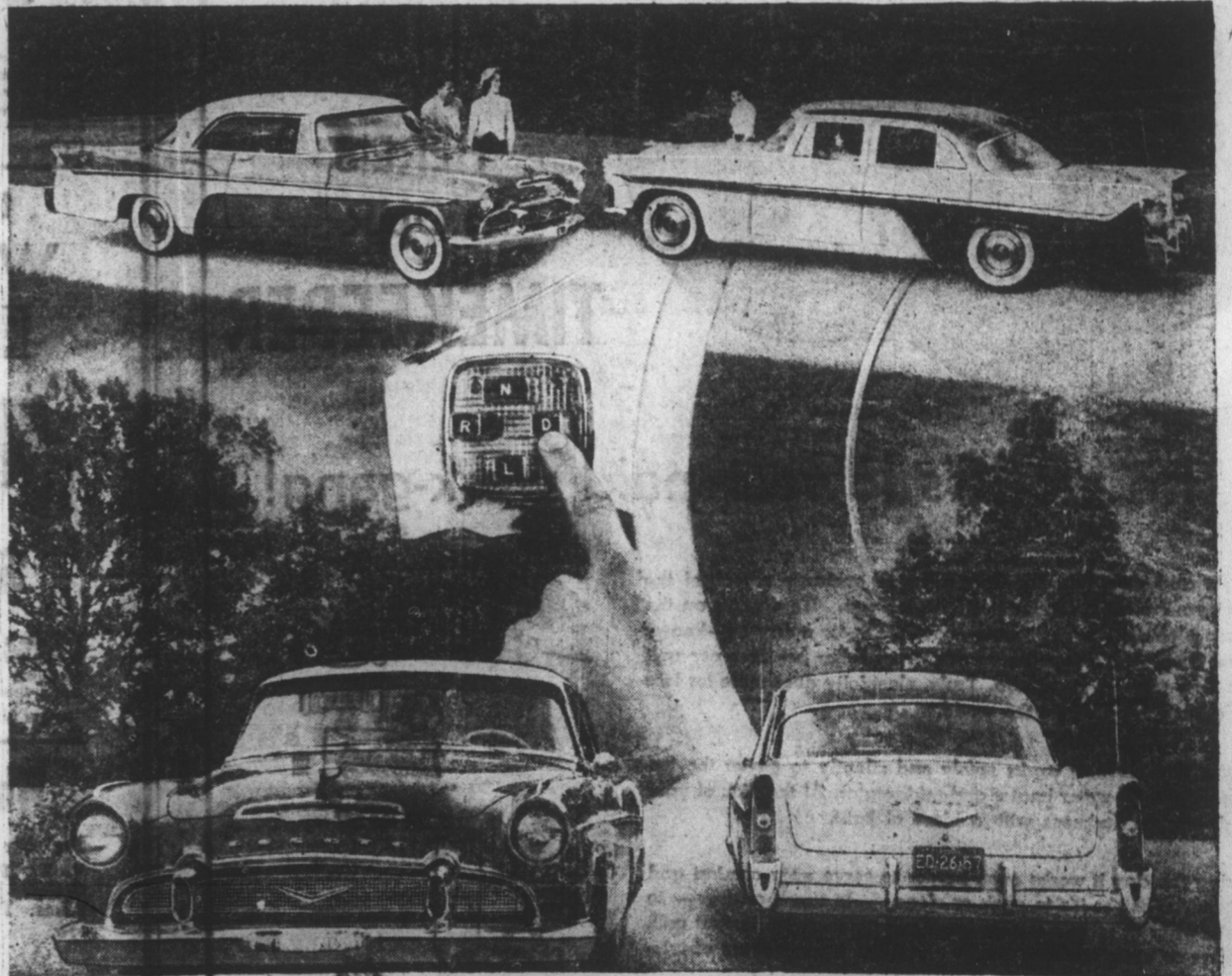
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