



Len Miller, Team Manager, and driver, Tommy Thompson after being officially announced the champion at Pocono International Speedway on September 12th, 1976.

Thompson top Black sports car racer

Tommy Thompson, of Somerset, New Jersey, driving the Black American Racers Lola Super Vee, completed an impressive record in his first year with the Black American Racers Team.

He entered a total of fifteen races. Thompson won four races, placed second five times and finished third twice.

Thompson set a track record at Bryar, New Hampshire and Lap Records at Summit Point, West Virginia, Bryar,

New Hampshire and Bridgehampton, New York.

When asked about his success Thompson said, "Super Vee is one of the most competitive classes in road racing, but I had first class equipment which enabled me to take the checkered flag four times this year." It's a great feeling to know you can win!

Len Miller, Team Manager, said, "Last year we had a sponsor and didn't win one

race, this year we had no sponsor and we won, it couldn't have happened at a better time, we'll make the grid at Indy yet."

Thompson is the first Black driver to win four SCCA sanctioned races in one season. He is also the first Black driver to enter fifteen road races in one season.

Thompson will be competing for the national SCCA title at the Champion Spark Plug Classic to be held at Gainsville, Georgia, the "Road Atlanta Race," October 31st, 1976.

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Memorial Coliseum has turned out to be a far better investment than voters could have imagined when in 1954 they approved bonds to build it," says the Oregon Journal recommending a YES vote on ballot measure 53.

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Sport Talk

by Ron Sykes Sports Editor



At Center, wearing Number 32 -- a deafening roar and season Number 7 was almost ready to go. Bill Walton scored the first basket of the young season at 10:38 of the first quarter and Blazer fans cheered with delight. None of the Blazers were particularly sharp on opening night, but the job was done and a win is a win.

Had to be impressed with young Johnny Davis, however. Johnny started the third quarter and immediately responded. At 11:05 Davis hit from high up on top of the key off a Walton feed. 10:46 Davis hit again from left front. 9:47 again a Davis jumper from the side. 8:55 Davis fouled by Archibald and converting two free throws. In the short span of three minutes, Johnny Davis had collected 10 very important points. And the crowd went wild.

The Nets were off their game, obviously, but appears to be a very physical team.

Williamson, at 6'2", will intimidate anyone and seems ready to at any time.

Corky Calhoun, formerly of the LA Lakers, got off to a super start for Portland by hitting his first two attempts.

Maurice Lucas, 6'9", 225 lb Blazer Super Star, got off to a slow start, but was blazing at the end finishing with 24 points and 18 boards. Bill Walton also was strong on the boards, as usual.

ELECTIONTIME FOR FORD AND CARTER -- OF NBA

There's a Ford and a Carter running but they're only two candidates in this election and the voters aren't required to cast their ballots on November 2nd.

To explain further, it's time for the NBA balloting to determine the starting fives for the annual NBA East-West All-Star game, to be played in Milwaukee next February. And in this case the Ford is not Gerry but Don, Los Angeles Lakers' forward, and it's not Jimmy but Freddie Carter, brilliant 76er guard.

Basketball being the number one spectator sport, it's no wonder that All-Star balloting by the fans draws one of the largest popular votes outside of the presidential election itself. And with the intrusion of the four new teams from the now defunct ABA there should really be a landslide... and, probably, most of this landslide will be due to the presence of one Julius "Dr. J. Irving." Doctor J. has been setting attendance records all over the NBA and last night in New Orleans an all time record crowd of 27,383 turned out to see the Dr. operate.

In some respects the All-Star voting is

even more democratic than presidential elections. In the pro-basketball balloting the winners are decided directly from the popular vote majority, must await confirmation from the electoral college. Also, NBA fans don't have to be citizens to express their preferences and the under 18 set is allowed to participate.

NBA All-Star candidates don't have to go out campaigning to be nominated to the ballot. Unless you call their day to day playing campaigning, and I guess it is somewhat. There is, also, room on the ballot for write-ins though like in presidential elections there's every little chance of a write-in making it.

All things considered, the NBA All-Star balloting program compares favorably with other popular elections. And who can argue with the fans' picks last year? They were: East -- John Havlicek (Boston Celtics), and if one were to argue this would be a good starting point for as great as John was he is now looking on the shady side of the hill. Walt Frazier (N.Y. Knicks), Bob McAdoo (Buffalo Braves), Dave Bing and Elvin Hayes (Washington Bullets); West -- Nate Archibald (Kansas City Kings), Rick Barry (Golden State Warriors), Bob Dandridge and Brian Winters (Milwaukee Bucks) and there, also, can be a good deal of arguing here, because neither one was so exceptional last year. And last but not least the redoubtable and remarkable Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (Los Angeles Lakers).

PIL

With Grant's 27-14 win over Benson, the PIL race is down to three teams. In the Western Division, Jackson's Raiders are alone at the top.

Grant showed a much more diversified attack and with more people involved, the offense really rolled. Nate Richards, the seldom used fullback, scored two touchdowns and was very instrumental in the General offense.

Michael Lowe, Benson super back, is just that... he's super. Robert Lewis and Daryl Motley scored a touch down a piece for the winning Generals.

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