

Midget Racing 'Cal' Hotshot' Here Wednesday 'Hot' Beavers Take to Road

War Is Near New Title Threat Is Here Wednesday

A real war — and not on the friendly sportsmanlike scale — is brewing among the Northwest's midget racing drivers as they have at it in their roaring runt programs in Portland, Seattle, Tacoma, Spokane and starting Wednesday night, Salem.

And the worst part of it, when the conflagration busts loose one of these nights, it likely will be in the pits instead of on the track where the customers can have a full peek.

The expected brawl has been nursed by the driving tricks of Bob Gregg and Lou Sherman, two of the topnotchers among the pilots in Oregon and Washington.

This year both Gregg and Sherman are driving for the same car owner, Harold Smith of Portland. Gregg drives Smith's Offenhauser special and Sherman, current leader of the Midget Association driving standings even though he has yet to win a Class A main event, pilots Smith's Ford V-8.

Consequently, they are actually a driving team. The pranks Gregg and Sherman have been pulling are the lighted fuses for the upcoming explosion. Gregg isn't the type of driver who "makes his own holes to go through" in passing other cars.

Bumping them out of the way, in other words. But Sherman is. So many times this season in the Jantzen Beach races at Portland Sherman has deliberately bumped the opposition to one side, therein making the "holes" for Gregg to zip through to his many wins.

The trick was worked last Thursday night in Portland, on the new California driver Cal Niday who Promoter Jimmy Ryan considers "the smoothest and one of the very best midget racing drivers I've ever seen."

Sherman and Gregg gave the surprised Niday the "ol' one-two punch" early in the race. But Niday recovered, became quite irked and was tearing pell-mell around the track making up his loss when his motor conked out. At that time he was in second place and going strong.

"Dirty driving" is the name the other drivers have hung on the Gregg-Sherman stuff. There is quite a difference between the dirty stuff and the "hard driving" which many of the pilots are capable of. And one gent, Gordy Youngstrom, has warned Sherman and Gregg that if ever he is made victim of such goings on while in action, he'll mash a few noses.

In fact, Youngstrom at one time this season in Portland, after being rammed through the crash rail, lit out on the dead run for the pits to wait until his tormentor came in. But the police got there too, and kept a fight from breaking open.

Three or four other drivers are involved in the beef also, and Ryan expects the whole thing to mushroom soon. It may happen here in Salem Wednesday night during the 1949 inaugural or it may come at Portland, Tacoma, etc. But it's coming for sure and soon.

Ryan reports that between 20 and 25, and perhaps even more cars will take part in the Wednesday opener. Niday will be here in his No. 69 Offy. Niday in 1947 and 1948 was the Australian champion at Sidney and Brisbane and in 1948 also won the National S-A title at Bloomsberg, Pa. He



Cal Niday of Los Angeles, Australian midget racing champ of 1947-48 and last year the National S-A titlist in the championship at Bloomsberg, Pa., will be among the drivers in Salem's 1949 opening program at Hollywood Bowl Wednesday night (See story at left)

Junior Skeds to Be Drawn Today

Drawing of schedules for the coming Junior baseball campaign will be held today under the direction of Secretary Clay Egelston and Vern Gilmore, school physical education director.

There is little likelihood of an "A" circuit this year because of poor sponsor response and a small player registration.

The "C" leaguers will launch action next Monday and the "B" loop will open up next Tuesday.

The "C" circuit includes nine teams and the "B" wheel will be made up of six clubs.

Only 30 boys have signed up for "A" action, making it virtually certain that the "A" league will be out of the picture for at least a year.

Take to Road

The Portland Beavers, who apparently have found themselves in games with such second division opposition as San Francisco and Los Angeles the past two weeks in Coast league play, this week hit the road to San Francisco for seven games with the once-proud but now near-pulverized Seals.

The series opens Tuesday night. Portland shacked both the Seals and Los Angeles six out of seven times in a recent series at Portland.

Following the week on the road the Beavers return home to play Sacramento in a nine-game series starting June 28. After the Seals visit the Vaughn street park, the San Diego Padres come in July 6.

Elsewhere in the league this week Seattle plays at Los Angeles, Hollywood at San Diego and Oakland at Sacramento.

The Hollywood-San Diego series looms as a gigantic for the San Diego park. The Padres, in second and third places all season have been anxious to get the league-leading Stars in their home park near the border.

The first steam carriage on record, built in France in 1789, traveled at three miles an hour and had to be refueled after 15 miles.

They'll Do It Every Time



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has been one of the top California pilots for years. In his first visit to the strange Portland track last week, Niday finished with the fourth fastest time in the trials.

Which is exceedingly good for a driver in his first run on a new track.

Among others due Wednesday are Sherman, who always manages a second or third place in the mainers, and Gregg himself who is roundly booed by the fans when introduced every Thursday at Jantzen Beach, Gordy Livingston, Gordy Youngstrom, Niday, Max Humm of Salem, Russ Congdon, Bob Maas, Shorty Templeman, Dick Cowan, Dar Moore, Dick Boubel, Howard Osborn, Bud England, Corky Corcoran, Chuck Tontz, Larry Kezar, Paul Pold, Ernie Spalding, Ken Gardner and John Goss.

Wednesday's time trials start at 7:30 o'clock, the races at 8:30.

TUESDAY'S BROADCASTS

Hour	Station	Program	Station	Program	Station	Program
6:00	KSLM	News	KOIN	News	KGW	News
6:30	KSLM	Yawn Patrol	KOIN	Yawn Patrol	KGW	Yawn Patrol
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