Race Track Crash Kills Bob Cortner

By CHARLES HONAKER

Indianapolis – (UPI) – Auto racing officials today spoke with growing remorse in being unable to account for the second death within 72 hours of drivers qualifying for the 500-mile Memorial Day race.

Rookie driver Bob Cortner died Tuesday night at Methodist hospital, about seven hours after his new roadster crashed into the concrete retaining wall at the Indianapolis Speedway, where only last Sunday Jerry Unser died in a fiery crackup.

Cortner, 32, a veteran midget driver from Redlands, Calif., was practicing at the 2½-mile oval when he lost control of his car in the northeast curve and slammed almost head-on into the wall at about 130 miles an hour.

Fifth This Year

His death was the fifth across the nation this year in practice and tryouts for the 500-mile classic, according to Henry Banks, director of competition for the United States Auto Club (USAC), which sponsors the event.

Marshall Teague was killed in practice at Daytona Beach, Fla., in February, George Amick died in a crash at the same track during a 100-mile race last month, and Dick Linder was killed in a 100-miler at Trenton, N. J., April 20.

Banks said all the fatal crashes were different.

"There is no pattern," he said. "I have no explanation."

"I feel terrible about this," he added. "Since taking over this job I have done everything I know how to prevent the tragic accidents. I feel a deep responsibility.

"We screen all drivers and inspect the equipment. I believe we take all the necessary precautions we can possibly take. USAC drivers are the cream of the crop."

Q-ships were camouflaged armed vessels used to decoy enemy submarines in World War I.

Black Tornado Clinches District Baseball Title; Splits With Pels

SOUTHERN OREGON CONFERENCE STANDINGS

	W.	L.	Pct.
Medford	7	0	1.000
Grants Pass	6	2	.750
Klamath Falls	3	4	.429
Crater	1	6	.143
Ashland	1	6	.143

Medford's Black Tornado baseball aggregation won the unshared championship of the Southern Oregon conference and District 6 A-1 yesterday with a 6 to 4 verdict over the Klamath Union high Pelicans at Klamath Falls.

Victory gave the Tornado a 7-0 standing in the circuit. Klamath Falls was 9 to 8 winner in a second game which did not count in the standings, but which spoiled Medford ambitions for 20 triumphs in the regular season.

Medford will play Crater at Cheney field at the south edge of town this Friday in a doubleheader beginning at 2:30 p.m. As usual just the first game will count in the conference.

On Friday, May 29, the Black Tornado will be host to North Bend in state championship quarter-finals. The Bulldogs are champs of District 5 A-1.

Tied at 4 Each

Yesterday, Medford broke a 4-all deadlock in the main encounter with two runs in the top of the seventh inning. Lowell Dean, George Ice and Jerry Anderson singled. A sacrifice flyout by Bob Pond brought home Dick Ragsdale who had gone in to run for Ice.

Klamath Falls headed 4 to 0 after five innings and the Tornado tied it up with a four-run sixth. Cal and Lowell Dean each singled and Ice tripled them home. Anderson brought Ice home with a sacrifice fly. Ray Konopasek hit, Dennis Barr walked and Ken Durkee slapped an infield single to load the bases. Konopasek then was awarded home on a balk.

The Pelicans got three runs in the second inning on hits by Larry Bunyard and Steve Binney, a wild pitch, walks to Jim Hall and Dave Saks, a fielder's option and a double steal. Other marker was in the third inning when Don Gresdel walked and Dean Dunson three-baggered.

Three For Four

Ice and Lowell Dean hit three for four each and Durkee two for four. Klamath Falls got three of its hits off Tom Laurance before Barr relieved him in the second inning. Barr went on to hurl two-hit ball, walk three and fan three. Laurance gave two bases on balls.

In the second game Klamath got its tying and winning runs in the fifth inning on two walks, a sacrifice and a single by Bob Yunck. First inning was a big one for the Tornado with singles by Wayne Thompson and Cal Dean and a double swipe, hits by Bob Quinney and Pond, a walk and an error. Klamath tallied four in the second.

Pat McLaughlin gave up seven hits to KF, walked seven and fanned one while Pel tossers walked four and whiffed three while yielding 10 safeties. Pond hit two for two for Medford, Thompson two for four and Mike Parsons two for three. Parson drove in three runs. Hall socked three for three and Yunck had two hits for Klamath.

LINESCORES:

Medford	000 004 2	6	13 2
Klamath	031 000 0	4	5 0

Laurance, Barr (2) and Pond; Griggs, Wilkenson (6) and Saks.

Medford	501 20	8	10 3
Klamath	140 22	9	7 1

McLaughlin and Pond, Jensen (3); Wilkenson, Webb (3) and Moore.

Washington Holds Lone Lead in ND

Seattle –(UPI)– Oregon State was out of the Northern Division baseball title picture today but the Beavers still have a lot to say who will be champion.

Washington edged Oregon State 5-4 in the 12th inning Tuesday when southpaw Gary Lunde walked Gary Snyder with the bases loaded.

The victory gives Washington a 9-3 record. Oregon is second place with 8-3. The Webfoots must beat Oregon State twice this weekend to nab the crown.

Washington hasn't won a ND title since 1932.

Lunde pitched a fine game for OSC, allowing only one run between the first and the 12th innings. The Huskies got three tallies in the first. Oregon State got single runs in the first, second, fourth and sixth.

Jerry Droscher hit a homer for the Beavers in the first.

RETIRING — Johnny Parsons, 40, of Van Nuys, Calif., is pictured in Indianapolis shortly after he announced he is retiring from the big car championship circuit. Parsons, winner of the 500-Mile Memorial Day Race in 1950, said, "I'm getting a bit old for this game."

NOW BATTING . . .

Cincinnati—(UPI)—Outfielder Pete Whisenant of the Cincinnati Reds was the first major leaguer to pinch hit for Stan Musial. It was in 1955 when Whisenant was with the St. Louis Cardinals.

South Korea has 43 per cent of the Korean peninsula's area and more than two-thirds of its population.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

SPORTS

Eight Homers Hit As Solons Defeat Phoenix Club 9-7

By DON BECKER
United Press International

Down in the Phoenix bandbox, the home run continues to lead the Hit Parade.

Eight circuit clouts sailed out of the cozy quarters at Municipal Stadium Tuesday night as first place Sacramento dealt the home towners a 9-7 defeat in 10 innings.

Nippy Jones, a .248 hitter who had connected for the distance only three other times this season, hit a pair of homers to lead the Solons at the plate. Other Sacramento homers were hit by Mike Krsnich and Clayton Dalrymple. Benny Valenzuela, Willie McCovey, Bob Speake and Owen Friend all hit four-basers for Phoenix.

In other games, Spokane whipped Vancouver, 6-3, and Seattle nipped Portland, 3-2. A heavy hail storm caused postponement of action between San Diego and Salt Lake in the Utah city.

Two in the Tenth

The Solons came up with a pair of tallies in the tenth inning. Mike Krsnich doubled and scored on Al Heist's double. Heist later scored when Bob Perry hit into a fielder's choice.

Jim Davis was the winning pitcher. He came on in relief in the eighth inning. Julio Navarro, who came on for the Giants in relief for the 17th time this season, was the loser.

Catcher Jake Jenkins singled home the winning run with two out in the ninth inning to give Seattle its 3-2 win over Portland. Ted Tappe opened the ninth with a single off eventual loser George Brunet. Charlie Rabe was inserted to run for Tappe and he moved to third when shortstop Jack Littrell booted a ground ball off the bat of Dee Fondy. Then Jenkins singled.

Hook Hurls Four Hitter

Jay Hook gave up only four hits for the Rainiers. The Rainiers got off to an early lead when Rick Rodin belted a two run homer in the first inning. Littrell tied the score, however, with a fifth inning homer.

Spokane battered right-hander Connie Johnson for 15 hits as the slumping Vancouver crew went down again, 6-3. Steve Bilko, more famous for his home run ball, belted four singles to pace the Indians at the plate.

Chuck Churn went the distance for Spokane as the Indians scored their sixth straight victory.

LINESCORES:

Spokane	102 000 120	6	15 0
Vancouver	000 000 300	3	8 1

Churn and Sherry; Johnson and Pagliaroni.

(10 innings)

Sacramento	300 103 000 2	9	12 2
Phoenix	101 020 210 0	7	12 0

Nelson, Davis (8) and Dalrymple; Barclay, Navarro (6), Renfro (10), McMinn (10) and Stieglitz.

Portland	000 110 000	2	4 1
Seattle	200 000 001	3	8 1

Brunet and Neal; Hook and Jenkins.

California Commission Probes for Undesirables

Los Angeles –(UPI)– Leading boxing personalities and two underworld figures were called as witnesses today at a special California Athletic commission hearing on the possibility "undesirables" are attempting to control the world's welterweight title.

The hearing was announced at the same time police and the state athletic group disclosed publicly that an investigation was in progress here and in San Francisco.

Truman Gibson, former president of the International Boxing club (IBC) is among those called as witnesses.

In Welter Division

"It is anticipated testimony will disclose undesirables are attempting to control the world's welterweight boxing title," Jack Urch, executive secretary of the California commission said.

Don Jordan of Los Angeles won the welterweight title from Virgil Akins Dec. 5, 1958, and successfully defended it in St. Louis several weeks ago. His manager, Don Nesseth, also was called as a witness at today's hearing, which climaxes separate investigations by police intelligence units and the California Athletic commission.

Others subpenaed include: Two underworld figures, Louis Dragna and Joe Sica; Hollywood Legion matchmaker Jackie Leonard and Bill Daly, manager of boxer Vince Martinez.

Gabe Genovese Tried on Fight Share Charges

New York –(UPI)– Gabe Genovese of Syracuse, N. Y., went on trial today in general sessions court on charges of being an undercover manager of boxers.

The two-count indictment charges him with taking cuts from two purses earned by lightweight Ludwig Lightburn of British Honduras in fights with Cuban Orlando Zulueta–both at New York, July 13, 1956 and Aug. 10, 1956.

Genovese is the first man to be tried under a new statute that makes it a misdemeanor for anyone to share in a fighter's purse without being officially designated an assignee by the New York State Athletic commission.

ANNOUNCING candidacy for President of United States, Bishop H. A. Tomlinson, Church of God, tells St. Louis newsmen he will be elected "by a miracle."

OLDEST RACING SILKS

New York –(UPI)– The oldest American racing silks are Howell E. Jackson's solid maroon, adopted in 1825 from the colors of William G. Harding, a forbear of President Andrew Jackson.

Sport Parade

By OSCAR FRALEY
United Press International

New York –(UPI)– Golf's sentimentalists are agog today over Sammy Snead's latest tournament triumph, nurturing once again the hope that The Slammer at long last can win the elusive U. S. Open championship.

Sam proved that, at 47, he still is one of the fairway greats by taking the Sam Snead Festival at White Sulphur Springs with a 21-under-par total. Featured by an 11-under-par 59, it was an amazing performance.

But this is not the U. S. Open.

To understand Slammin' Sam and the only big title he has never won, you have to probe the inner workings of an athlete's mind. It is like Ted Williams, the ramrod of the Boston Red Sox, trying to overcome the jinx which Yankee stadium always seems to pose for his hitting exploits.

Tighten Up

"In other ball parks, Williams is relaxed and you could jerk the bat out of his hands with a quick pull," Casey Stengel once observed. "But when he's at bat in the stadium he grips the bat so hard that you think he's gonna make sawdust out of the handle."

That's Snead, a picture of relaxed grace and power everywhere–except when he steps up to the tee in the Open.

This was Sam's 101st tournament triumph in a quarter century of big time competition. During that time he has won them all–except the U. S. Open. Four times he has been a disappointed second, once losing in a playoff. Another time he blew it on the final hole with a horrendous eight. Small wonder he makes leather pulp out of the grips of his clubs when he goes forth in the Open.

There is another factor that escapes the casual glance in this smashing victory he posted at White Sulphur Springs. This is that Sam has been striding those familiar fairways since he was a barefoot youngster plus the fact that this isn't exactly the toughest golf course in the world. A good one, yes, but not a stretched-out torture rack such as they make annually of the Open course.

The Past Returns

Yet, as hot as The Slammer undoubtedly is right now, the worst days are those separating him from tee time in the Open. These are the days–and nights–when he plays every hole of every disastrous Open he has competed in during the past.

There is still another factor in the case of Slammin' Sam. Almost annually he comes up with some ache or pain, illness or injury as the field gathers for the big one. They are, most times, psychosomatic. Sam, a psychiatrist once observed, is unconsciously preparing his newest alibi. If he could go out and play the Open like any other tournament–like the Sam Snead Festival, for instance–he still could win it going away.

But he doesn't, and this latest victory drives home the point all over again.

Jim Dietz Swats .444 For SO Nine

Ashland–A pitcher sporting a 5-1 Oregon Collegiate conference record and two hitters over the .425 mark lead the Raiders of Southern Oregon college into action in Portland Friday night in the District 2 NAIA baseball playoffs.

SOC gained the berth by winning the OCC championship for the second consecutive year. Other entries in the tournament are Portland State, second team in the OCC, Lewis and Clark of the Northwest conference and Portland university. Another team will come from the Northwest conference to fill out the four berths.

The 5-1 pitcher is 6-4 Dave D'Olivo who will get the starting call in one of the games this Friday or Saturday evening. D'Olivo is in possession of an earned run average of under 2.90.

McAbee Hits .436

Catcher Jimmy McAbee is one of the hitters over the .425 mark. McAbee is pounding the ball at a .436 clip and second baseman Jim Dietz is eight points ahead with a .444 mark in OCC play and the speedy second sacker has gotten on base more than half the times he has come to the plate.

Phil Sword in right field and hitting .326 leads the outfield delegation with LeRoy King batting .316 and playing center field. Ray Weinhold has taken over for the injured Eldon Francis in left.

Long ball hitter Larry Mauer is playing first base in his final series for the Raiders and the left handed hitter is pounding the ball at .273.

Gordie Carrigan is at shortstop and Chuck Nevi at third to round out the rest of the Raider starting nine for the NAIA contests.

SOC is batting .285 as a team in the OCC with six batters over .300 and 11 under that mark.

REDSKINS SIGN BACK

Washington – (UPI) – The Washington Redskins of the National Football league signed fullback Stan Chapin of Kansas as a free agent on Monday. Chapin spent the past two years in the Coast Guard.

Linksmen Qualify for National

Chicago–(UPI)–A field of 403 amateurs and professionals was set today to battle for berths in the U. S. Open golf championship to be held July 11-13 at Mamaroneck, N. Y.

Twenty-one golers qualified in Chicago Tuesday and four at Des Moines to complete the list which will enter a second series of trials June 1 to pare the Open's starting field to 150.

Three amateurs and 18 pros qualified in Chicago and one amateur and three pros survived at Des Moines.

Sixty-nine of the nation's leading golfers were exempt from first round qualifying play, but 49 of them will have to earn a spot in the final field by competing in the June 1 eliminations.

The other top 20 golfers, including defending champ Tommy Bolt, Ben Hogan, Cary Middlecoff and Dow Finsterwald, automatically qualify for the finals.

USC, Stanford Co-Favorites

Eugene – (UPI) – Southern California and Stanford were established as co-favorites today in the annual Pacific Coast conference golf championships here Friday and Saturday.

Southern Cal won the conference crown last year and Stanford was runner-up. Each has some of its stars back.

Each school will enter a six-man team.

FIGHTS

FIGHT RESULTS
United Press International

Weirton, W. Va.—Luke Easter, 135, Pittsburgh, knocked out Willie Cooper, 135, Wheeling, W. Va. (4).

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