

Indianapolis Drivers Get Final Word of Caution for Saturday's 500-Mile Race

By ED SAINSBURY
Indianapolis, Ind. (UPI)—Speedway drivers get a final word of caution today in the last preliminary before Saturday's 43rd annual 500-mile dash against death in an effort to prevent the chase from adding a 51st victim to the track fatality list.

There will be no cars running on the 2½ mile oval track today but all drivers with their pit crews were to show up to get a lecture on racing rules from chief steward Harlan Fengler.

Fengler said he'd be stiffer than ever in his annual lecture to warn the pilots that driving regulations would be strictly enforced and that violations might cost victory, which would mean about half of the total purse of a record \$300,000 plus.

Pace Lap Tricks
Particularly he'll warn against tricks on the pace lap and the first lap of the race in an effort to prevent any repetition of last year's debacle in which the first three cars made one more pace lap than the rest of the field and barely got into position when the race began. The goof was blamed partially in some quarters for the first lap crack-up, involving 15 cars, in which Pat O'Connor was killed.

The chances were against another mixup since last year's starting formula was dropped and this time the 11 rows of 3 cars each will make a parade lap in their proper alignment and then will turn the pace lap behind the pace car before the race begins.

Other than the drivers' meeting there was no activity

scheduled on the track. Instead the asphalt and brick surface was slated for a final sweeping down to eliminate all debris that might interfere with the near 200 mile per hour speeds some pilots will hit on the long stretches, and pit crews might get brief warmups on procedures.

The weather outlook was favorable, although the temperature might soar into the high 80's before the finish. Though showers were expected, forecasters anticipated they would hold off until after the race, and clouds were expected to cut the heat from the sun on the pilots.

New York—(UPI)—These are the hours of horror for the 33 men who will defy death Saturday in the Indianapolis 500.

"It's the last day of waiting which gets you," explained Jim Rathmann. "It seems like those last 24 hours will never pass—and anyone who tells you he isn't scared is crazy." They stay "scared," their stomachs churning and their faces getting more and more gaunt and haggard, until the starter sends them on their way and at last they are too busy to feel the hot breath of fear.

Mask Their Terror
Most of them mask their terror behind a careless facade. Like Bill Vukovich. This, they all said, was a man without nerves. But the swarthy little guy was wound tight as a clock the day he went out shooting for three in a row in 1955. Two days before the race he was show-

ing everyone a letter from his daughter.

"Put your foot through it, Daddy," she wrote. "I need a new party dress."

Vuky laughed in his barking way. But the next day the tenseness which hits them all had settled in. Now he was tight-lipped and his eyes were slitted. Now there was no laughing and he was curt with those around him.

Dies in Wreckage
Once they were cut loose, the lead-footed dashing which has his specialty quickly took over. He almost ran Jack McGrath off the track in a two-man duel for the lead and he was walking away with the race — putting his foot through it — when he sailed into the back stretch, tried to avoid a pileup in front of him and died in the flaming wreckage of his own car.

Last year as the pack roared into the first lap, Ed Elisian tried to cut inside Dick Rathmann. They collided and Pat O'Connor was killed in the subsequent 15-car pileup. That was the same O'Connor who a month earlier, sitting gaily in a New York hotel room, denied that he was ever frightened but finally confessed:

"Well, that last day before the race is the worst time of all. It's the waiting. But once you get started you forget everything but nailing the guy in front of you."

Y Tells Swim Lesson Plans

Summer swim classes will start at the Young Men's Christian association on June 8.

Classes will be held twice a week for 45 minutes per class. Six and seven-year-olds will learn to swim from 9 to 10:30 a.m. through the summer. The intermediate and advanced swimmers will be in the afternoons. All the lessons will have two sessions through the summer, the second session will be from June 20 to Aug. 29.

There will be a limit of 20 students per class with two instructors for each class. YMCA members will continue their lessons but at different times.

The YMCA pool will be operating six days a week from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. with periods such as men's free swim daily from noon to 1 p.m., and 5 to 6 p.m., women's free swim Wednesday and Saturday 1 to 2:00 p.m. Skin diving Tuesday and Thursday 6 to 7:30 p.m., family swim on Wednesday 8 to 10 p.m. and Friday 7 to 10 p.m. and lad 'n' dad swim daily 5 to 6 p.m.

Woods, Water, Wildlife

By Hank DeVoss

We are now on the threshold of another year of good fishing and fabulous fishing tales, but before we get too far off the deep end of the dock let's take a look at what's going on around us.

LOTS OF PEOPLE

Notice how much more crowded the lake looks this year? More and more people are finding enjoyment in this type of activity and as the man says, "This is only the beginning." There are probably over a hundred people trying for the same number of fish which were pursued by ten people 15 years ago. All of this increased pressure on the fish means that unless we mind our sportsmanlike manners, we're going to find less and less enjoyment in this sport.

CHUMMING PAYS OFF

One of the most sportsmanlike methods of getting a fish on the hook is to entice him there with chumming. Sure, you sometimes have a tough time getting them to bite some other way, but this is a sport, for fun; not a contest to see how many limits you can brag about. There are people who are just learning how to fish and it's unfair to them and all other fishermen that a few hogs set such a lousy example. These hogs catch fish, and who couldn't when they have a sack of liver, a quart of feed eggs or an anchor milking out a chow call under their boat.

LET THEM KNOW

The sport, and maybe I'm old fashioned to call it a sport, deserves better treatment than that. Still fishing can be a respectable method of catching fish, but unless those who like it are willing to do anything to catch a fish, the method will deteriorate to where it will just be a race to see who can get his anchor rope closest to the feed bucket. We might try showing them that fish can be caught in other ways, and if they can't hear this perhaps a lesson on the monetary cost of breaking our laws would improve their hearing. We shouldn't be afraid to tell a man that we don't like it when he steals from us. Or are we afraid?

THE LOOKOUT

According to the best of sources, the streams opening up this coming Saturday are in excellent condition. The water is at the normal May level and clear. The downstream migrants in the Rogue and the Applegate are moving out fast while the salmon and steelhead moving upstream are reaching respectable numbers. The count over Gold Ray last Friday was 1,453 salmon, a 500 fish jump over the previous week, and reports say there are quite a number of fish moving up to Savage Rapids.

SCREENS WORK OK

The screens at Savage Rapids dam are working quite well in their job of keeping the downstream migrants out of the turbines. They clogged once last week and killed about 150 fish. Now they are being turned more frequently because there is no accumulation of debris and no fish are killed while they are working. This is their second year in operation and in another year or two we may start getting a return on this investment in fish insurance.

A REAL DIAMOND

On Saturday we can expect our local jewel to have its sparkle dulled somewhat when a few thousand hungry anglers close in for the opening day kill. Diamond lake has a past and a future of big fish and happy anglers. Considered to have one of the most abundant food supplies found in any lake in the northwest, the fish grow big and sassy in a little while. The 3½ million fry planted this year aren't outnumbered by those in the lake, but there are many thousands that will measure between 12 and 20 inches and a few hundred that will weigh between 5 and 10 pounds.

THE ANGLER'S LOG

It may be a waste of time to mention the other fishing spots still open, but there might be some who would like to avoid the crowd and fish in a nice quiet place. Squaw lakes — Excellent. Lots of limits on FF&W or green flatfish. Willow creek — Fair to good mornings and evenings. Several limits on FF&W and green flatfish. Single eggs are best for still fishing. Trolling flies pays off if the water is right. Lake of the Woods — Fair.

Valdes Picked Over Johnson

New York—(UPI)—Heavyweight Alonzo Johnson of Braddock, Pa., seeks his 12th straight victory and a contender's rating tonight in his Madison Square Garden debut against Nino Valdes of Cuba. Contender Valdes, 34; is favored at 9-5 to beat Johnson, 24, and win his first real comeback test since being stopped by Charley Powell March 4. Their 10-rounder, to be televised and broadcast nationally by NBC, heads an all-heavyweight show, providing a beef-total of about 3,570 pounds.

SPORTS

Fish Lake Cleaned of Logs, Brush

Fish Lake—Most of the floating debris on Fish lake which has plagued fishermen in past years has been "boomed" and confined in time for the start of fishing season tomorrow. Harold (Red) Thomas, Ashland district ranger for the Rogue River National Forest, headed an eight-man Forest Service crew which used boats and motors furnished by resort proprietor Lloyd Morris.

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Klamath and Central Point will vie this season in a Legion district with Medford, Grants Pass and Lakeview. The Saturday and Sunday games are non-district.

Central Point team is sponsored by Myers-Holland American Legion post and Cheney Lumber company.

Military Tells Of Policy for Service Schools

Washington—(UPI)—The Defense department has informed a Louisiana congressman that the "segregation issue" doesn't rule out post-season bowl games in the South by Army, Navy and the Air Force academy.

However, Rep. F. Edward Hebert (D-La.) was told in a letter made public that each service academy has the right to decide for itself whether to accept or reject a bowl bid.

The letter was from Asst. Defense Secretary Charles Finucane, who said:

Best Interests
"A service academy team may play in the Rose Bowl, the Sugar Bowl, the Cotton Bowl, the Orange Bowl or the Gator Bowl, if invited, provided that the service academy in question determines such participation to be in its best interests."

Hebert, who represents the congressional district including New Orleans where the Sugar Bowl is located, demanded three months ago that the Pentagon reveal its stand on the question.

The legislator said he was glad that the Defense Department had publicly set forth "one policy for all the academies."

"I believe it important," he said, "that the questions which have been raised for political purposes at improper times have now been answered in the calm of the year when there are no impending athletic contests."

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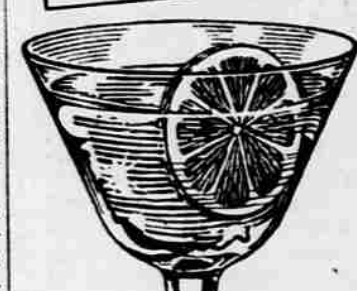
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