



Richard Petty (43) overtakes A. J. Foyt on the first turn in the Pa. 500

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# Pit crew nets Petty victory

MOUNT POCONO, Pa. (AP) — Hustling Richard Petty, getting brilliant pit work from his crew, won the Pennsylvania 500 stock car race yesterday, though Butch Hartman almost spoiled his show.

Petty, stock car racing's all-time money and events winner, had to bring his STP-sponsored Dodge from far behind in order to take home the 153rd victory in a career that has brought him a lot of fame and a modest fortune.

He finished about 15 seconds ahead of Hartman, who appeared to have had the race in the bag at the 400 mile mark. Roger McCluskey, driving a Plymouth, was third, while A. J. Foyt finished fourth in a Chevrolet and Norm Nelson fifth in a Plymouth.

Petty, Hartman and McCluskey were running in the same lap at the finish. Foyt's chart showed he was a lap in arrears.

Petty's speed for the 500 miles was 132.781 miles per hour, a track record for stock cars. His share of the \$60,000 purse was about \$9,000.

The 38-year-old Randleman, N.C., driver, a four-time national stock car champion, had dominated the race during the middle stages and held a 44.9 second lead over Hartman when he suddenly ran into trouble as he made his 137th circuit of the 2½ mile Pocono International Raceway.

His red and blue racer suddenly slowed as he tore through the short back chute, a flat tire almost taking him into the boiler plate retaining wall. Ironically, he had changed all four tires only a few laps before.

Hartman, a two-time stock car titleholder in the United States Auto Club and looking for a third, shot by to grab the lead as Petty limped to his pit. The Southern champion also watched McCluskey come by to take over second place.

When he returned to the race Petty was almost a lap behind. But things began to work for him a few laps later. His chance came when Tony Bettenhausen Jr., whose father was a famed Indianapolis driver, spun into the first turn wall, bringing out the day's fourth yellow light.

Petty shuttled quickly into his pit under the yellow slowdown and took on enough fuel to finish the race. His crew also installed a complete set of tires.

Allowed to close the gap while the field was trailing around behind the pace car, Petty roared off after Hartman and McCluskey when racing resumed. He caught McCluskey a lap later and needed only one more circuit to overhaul Hartman, who had taken on fuel only during his final pit stop.

After that, Petty obviously had his new tires working in the turns as he quickly built up a safe lead over the fading Hartman and the 17 other cars that survived the grueling grind.

Foyt, winner of more money than any driver in history and a legend in his own time, was penalized a lap for passing the pace car during one of the slow downs. Otherwise, he would have been in the thick of the action at the wire.

A crowd of about 25,000 watched the race and they saw the lead change hands 18 times between five drivers.

But it was a frustrating day for several of the favorites. Foyt had started in the front row pole position after a record qualifying speed of 148.983 m.p.h. But the Texan never got his Chevrolet going strongly enough to take command.

Two other favorites dropped out early. Verlin Eaker, a Cedar Rapids, Iowa, veteran, had started his Chevrolet in fourth place, but made only two circuits before a broken oil pump felled him.

# Happy (football) days are here

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(Notes and quotes or football season can't be far away after last weekend's two games.)

The last weekend in July turned out to be one of the biggest collection of sports happenings this Summer. From the 500,000-plus that frolicked together at Watkins Glen to the handful that watched the Indians and Red Sox in Cleveland, it was a unique three day sporting affair.

Armchair quarterbacks, in seclusion since the Super Bowl last January, were assured football is on its way back as two grid contests were aired.

The better of the pair was Friday's matchup between the world champion Miami Dolphins and the College All-Stars. The Dolphins won 14-3, of course, but many collegiates said they were on the same level as their pro counterpart. Given time to practice as a unit (the All-Stars were together only three weeks), Southern Cal's Charlie Young told reporters the All-Stars would have beaten the pros. Young wasn't kidding. Miami coach Don Shula probably won't be kidding when he works his troops for their game with the Cincinnati Bengals this Saturday.

A pair of ex-Penn Staters received some air time courtesy of ABC, which covered the All-Star-Miami game. Defensive end Bruce Bannon, who is going to the New York Jets, sacked the quarterback twice and linebacker John Skorupan, property of the Buffalo Bills, intercepted a Bob Griese pass and returned it 31 yards.

In the second game the San Francisco 49ers easily handled the New England Patriots, who were waiting for blocking help that was enroute from the All-Star game in Chicago. Mammoth Alabama guard John Hannah and Southern Cal fullback Sam "Bam" Cunningham, who has excellent blocking credentials, couldn't have saved the Patriots from a 20-7 dumping.

The game was played in Canton, Ohio and was billed as the Hall of Fame Game. The quality of play didn't resemble the routes that Baltimore's Raymond Berry once ran, or the blocks that John Parker threw or the crunching tackles that Joe Schmidt made. These three — Baltimore Colts Berry and Parker and Schmidt of the Detroit Lions — were inducted into the Hall.

Howard Cosell, who appeared on both telecasts, was in rare form in the announcing booth. Humble Howard had trouble with several names, including ex-Lion and New York Jet John

## Tom Terrific challenges for money lead

# Weiskopf takes Canadian Open

MONTREAL (AP) — Tom Weiskopf, enjoying one of the greatest playing streaks in recent years, made the Canadian Open Golf Championship his fifth victory in eight starts with a front-running 70 in the final round yesterday.

Weiskopf, who won the British Open crown in his last previous appearance, took this national title by two strokes over Forrest Fezler with a 278 total, 10-under-par on the 6,905-yard Richelieu Valley Golf Club course.

He led by one stroke when play started in mild, sunny weather and never trailed as he stamped himself as a prime favorite for Player of the Year honors.

The tall, 30-year-old Ohioan collected \$35,000 from the total purse of \$175,000 and pushed his earnings to \$206,037 for the year, second only to Australian Bruce Crampton on the season's money winning list. More than \$150,000 has come in his last eight starts.

Weiskopf, who says a new,

more positive attitude and a new-found maturity have been the keys to his success, has put together this recent record in his incredible streak:

- Colonial National Invitation: Won.
- Atlanta Classic: Second.
- Kemper Open: Won.
- Philadelphia Classic: Won.
- U.S. Open: Third.
- American Golf Classic: Fifth.
- British Open: Won.
- Canadian Open: Won.

His immediate schedule has him playing in the

\$250,000 Westchester Classic next week and the PGA National Championship in Cleveland the following week.

While second place was worth \$19,950 to the youthful Fezler, it had to rank as

something of a disappointment. Twice this year the 23-year-old tour

sophomore has held the lead through three rounds only to lose in the final 18.

Pirates a sweep of their doubleheader.

Willie Stargelt put the Pirates ahead to stay in their 5-2 firstgame triumph with his 31st homer of the baseball season, a two-run belt in the seventh inning.

In the second game, Robertson tagged Barry Lersch, 2-6, for a solo homer in the second and Sanguillen added a two-run clout in the third after Rennie Stennett walked.

Winner Luke Walker, 7-3, surrendered the Phillies' first run in the fourth on a walk, two singles and a sacrifice fly by Mike Schmidt.

Robertson restored the two-run lead with a run-scoring single in the fourth following Richie Zisk's triple.

Walker yielded a solo homer to Schmidt and two walks before he was relieved in the seventh. Al Oliver singled home an insurance run in the seventh for the Pirates.

# Wood knuckles way to 20 victories

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. (AP) — Wilbur Wood of the Chicago White Sox became major league baseball's first 20-game winner of the season yesterday riding home-run support from Ken Henderson and Buddy Bradford to an 8-6 victory over the Minnesota Twins.

Wood, who has lost 14 games, reached the 20-victory level for the third straight year although he gave up 11 hits and needed seventh-inning relief help from Cy Acosta.

Henderson slammed a three-run homer in the third off Dave Goltz, 3-1, after smashing a run-scoring single in Chicago's three-run first inning, highlighted by Tony Muser's two-run single.

Bradford hit a bases-empty homer in the fifth and Jerry Hairston drove in the eighth Chicago run with a single in the sixth.

Pirates 5-5, Phillies 2-2

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