



Fight At The Finish

SONNY VIDEON of Beaumont, Tex., in "T-Bird" (H-13) tries to overhaul Kentucky's Dallas Kremer in "Moonshine Baby" (H-54), but fails at yesterday's hydroplane regatta at Eastwood quarry. Kremer was third in the flashy 7-litre hydroplane class. First was captured by Billy Sterrett of Owensboro, Ky., in "Crazy Thing." (Staff Photo by Ed Johnsey)

Area Boaters Take Three Of Eight Regatta Events

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Area boat racers roared over the surface at Eastwood lake park to post first-place victories in three of eight classes at Dayton's first inboard-outboard racing regatta yesterday.

An estimated crowd of 15,000 race watchers gathered around the big quarry at Harshman road and Route 4 and 69 to witness multiple thrills, one spill and several spins.

The local winners were Dean Chenoweth of Xenia with a clean sweep of the 280 cubic inch hydroplanes in his "Little Wide Track," Richard Boyer of Germantown in his 48 cubic inch "Rif Raf" and John Culver of Dayton, champ of a special outboard event.

George English of Detroit, Mich., national point champion in the 225 cubic inch class, alarmed the spectators when his "Fat Chance" rammed into a wake and flipped bottom up on the first turn of the second race.

When the cloud of spray settled over the accident scene, English could be seen on the surface, bobbing in his orange life jacket. He was picked up by a safety boat and reported unhurt.

Ed Morgan of Trenton, Mich., driving "High Winder," went on

after nearly flipping at the same turn. English's first heat victory was enough to give him third place overall in the class.

In the colorful 7-litre class, the Junior Gold Cup boats were, led by "Crazy Thing," driven by two Billy Sterretts of Owensboro, Ky. Forty-year-old Sterrett, national point champion who hasn't lost a race this year, won another by flashing over Eastwood lake at an average speed of 96.256 miles an hour.

The second 7-litre event found 19-year-old Billy Sterrett Jr. behind the wheel of the craft which registered another first for "Crazy Thing" at a speed of 89.821 miles an hour.

Chenoweth's win in the 280 cubic inch category was equally as impressive. The Xenia automobile dealer shot to an early lead in both heats and widened the margin in his red "Little Wide Track."

The craft with a distinctive pointed nose achieved average speeds of 84.191 and 83.955 in the first and second heats, respectively.

The outboarders who took the field had to follow Jon Culver from start to finish in both heats. Driving his 16-foot fiberglass Glaston with twin 100 horsepower Mercury motors, Culver traveled nearly 70 miles an hour.

ords at racing events across the country for the local driver.

JJ Class: 1—Jon Culver, Dayton, O. (Glaston); 2—Cliff Reif, Dayton, O. (Stamper); 3—Charles Scruggs, Cincinnati, O. (The Pig).

Y Class (48 cubic inch hydroplane) 1—Richard Boyer, Germantown, O. (Rif Raf); 2—John Hoffman, Cold Springs, Ky. (Tinker's Dam); 3—James Pauly, South Gate, Ky. (Miss D.P.).

S Class (145 cubic inch) 1—Danny Walls, Bellevue, Ky. (Warrior); 2—Jim Roberts, Dayton, O. (Wild One); 3—Jim Davies, Kettering, O.

A Class (150 cubic inch) 1—Jack Deye, Cincinnati, O. (Passion); 2—Edward Dzurik, Independence, O. (Soakin Wet); 3—Durb King, Covington, Ky. (Bon Bon).

N Class (225 cubic inch) 1—Ed Morgan Jr., Trenton, Mich. (High Winder); 2—Roger L. Schaller, Detroit, Mich. (Cobalt); 3—George English, Detroit, Mich. (Fat Chance).

F Class (266 cubic inch) 1—Durb King, Covington, Ky. (Bon Bon); 2—Mike Weimer, Cincinnati, O. (Ballyhoo); 3—Paul Schroeder, Cincinnati, O. (Scoundrel).

E Class (280 cubic inch) 1—Dean Chenoweth, Xenia, O. (Little Wide Track); 2—Jim McCormick, Owensboro, Ky. (Ex Calibur); 3—Terry Sterrett, Owensboro, Ky. (Crazy Thing Two).

H Class (7 litre) 1—Billy Sterrett, Owensboro, Ky. (Crazy Thing); 2—Marion Cooper, Louisville, Ky. (Louisville Kid); 3—Dallas Kremer, Bellevue, Ky. (Moonshine Baby).