

Jackie Knight

Driver

Jackie Knight was one of the most popular drivers to have ever strapped on a helmet and sit behind the wheel of a race car at Oxford Plains Speedway. But Jackie's racing career began long before Oxford Plains Speedway opened its gates in 1950. He began racing cars at the Lewiston Fairgrounds in the summer of 1941 with cars right off the street. Following his enlistment in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II, Jackie went back to racing – first at the Norway Fairgrounds in 1948, then Beech Ridge Speedway in 1949 and Oxford Plains beginning in 1950. He did not limit his racing to Maine tracks. Jackie ventured down to the Peabody (Massachusetts) Speedway in the 1950's and "cleaned house". When Oxford Plains converted from dirt to asphalt, Jackie never skipped a beat. During the 1960's, he became associated with the gold-colored number "77" Chevrolets. A racing career which spanned almost 35 years, Jackie was voted the 'Most Popular Driver' on three occasions and was twice honored by his fellow drivers as 'Driver-of-the-Year'.

