

Winfield “Wimpy” Millett

Driver

In the earliest days of racing in Maine, one man took the lead from the start at the newly constructed Oxford Plains Speedway – Winfield ‘Wimpy’ Millett. Wimpy not only won races from the very beginning but he also made a name for himself – as well as the sport and the speedway – by capturing the track’s first three championship titles (1950-52). As such, Wimpy became one of the area’s first racing stars – an attraction that new racetracks needed to attract fans and get their fledgling businesses off the ground. Wimpy did not limit his winning ways to Oxford Plains, he won races at the Norway Fairgrounds, the Lewiston Fairgrounds, and the New Gloucester Fairgrounds. He also pioneered racing sponsorships in those first years. Wimpy came into the sport with the support of his employer – Welch Pontiac. Wimpy Millett was the very first driver to register his support of inaugural Maine Motorsports Hall of Fame inductee George Damon’s start-up speedway in Oxford. He set an early and important pace for racing in the Western Maine region. Wimpy retired from racing in the late 1950’s and moved to Florida where he lived until his passing.

