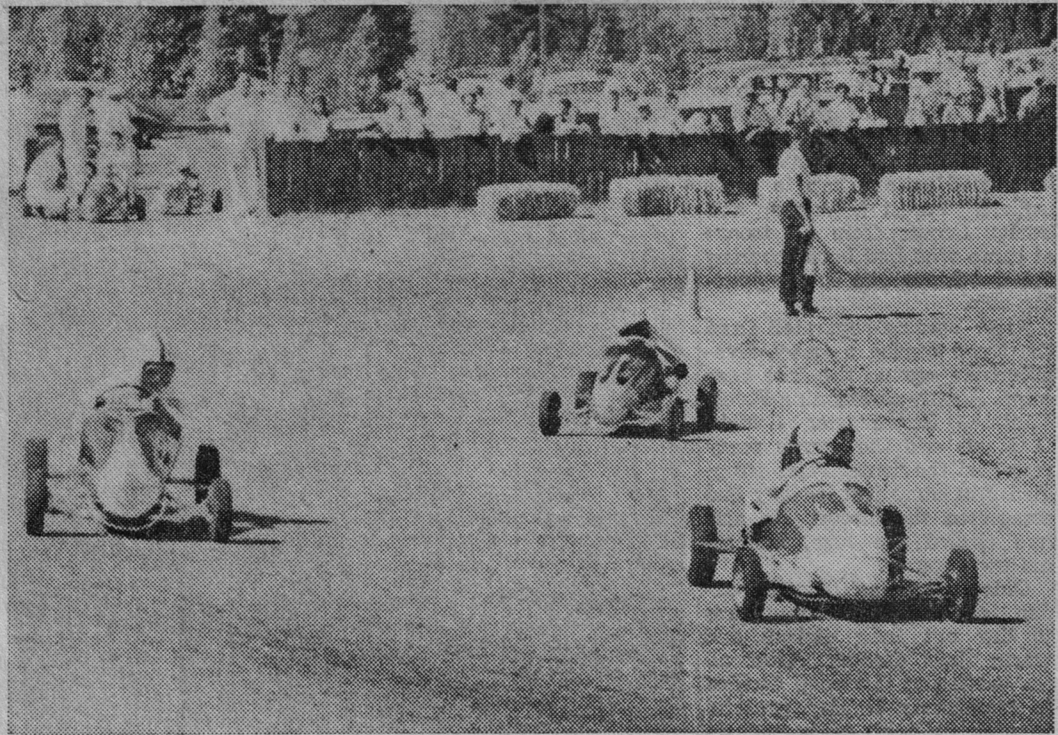


Northgate Quarter Midgets Open Racing Season Saturday



BARNEY OLDFIELDS: Coming around the track in a close race are three of the quarter midget racing cars which are driven by youngsters at the special track at Northgate in the weekly races which begin Saturday.

Fans of the pint-size bustling buggies raced by clever youngsters with a yen for speed will gather at the quarter midget race track at Northgate Saturday half an hour after noon to see the opening of the fifth season of racing for the Quarter Midget Kids.

On hand will be many of the crowd's favorite drivers. Little 6 year old Stevie Rowe, 1960 Champion of the Novice Division. "Dangerous" Danny Coons 1959 and '60 Champion of the Stock Division and Wayne McDonald 1959 and '60 Champion of the Modified Division. Other favorites scheduled to appear are Ginger "The Bomb" Donaldson. "Bullet" Brad Baxter from Edmonds and Jeff "Go Go" Stith all seasoned drivers who are out to try to unseat the last years champion.

Only 3 of the original drivers who drove on the opening day 4 years ago are still competing, Ricky Hooker, Ginger Donaldson, and Danny Coons but they all face tough competition this year with the greatest number of cars to date ever registered for the opening day races.

The Northgate Quarter Midget Club has gained Northwest acclaim wherever it has appeared and for three years were featured entertainment at Memorial Stadium during Seafair.

Though the midgets show all the action of big car racing the club points proudly to a four year safety record of never having had a serious injury. The drivers are protected by every known safety device and are not allowed to practice unless all safeguards are being used.

Special entertainment to open the new season Saturday will be the appearance of the Thunderbird Drum and Bugle Corps, holders of the Seafair junior division grand award and city champions in music and motion. Under the direction of Jack Avery, the group of 50 musicians 12 to 14 years old,

and their majorette Diane Olmquist will perform before the races at 1:30.