

Tompson of Black American Racers



Tommy Thompson, of Somerset, New Jersey, driving the Black American Racers Lola - Super Vee, completed an impressive record in his first year with the Black American Racers Team.

He entered a total of fifteen races. Thompson won four races, placed second five times and finished third twice.

Thompson set a track record at Bryar, New Hampshire and lap records at Summit Point, West Virginia, Bryar, New Hampshire and Bridgehampton, New York.

When asked about his success Thompson said "Super Vee is one of the most competitive classes in road racing, but I had first class equipment which enabled me to take the checkered flag four times this year." It's a great feeling to know you can win!

Len Miller, Team Manager, said, "Last year

we had a sponsor and didn't win one race, this year we had no sponsor and we won. It couldn't have happened at a better time, we'll make the grid at Indy yet."

Thompson is the first black driver to win four SCCA sanctioned races in one season. He is also the first black driver to enter fifteen road races in one season.

A NOVEL THAT EXPOSES THE SHOCKING TRUTH STREET OF HO'S

Presented as fiction based on fact, "Street of Ho's" is a perceptive and accurate picture of New York City's notorious "Minnesota Strip." As a novel, it's a hair-raiser of a story. As an expose, only a reporter as thoroughly familiar with the territory as Leo Guild could have written it.

The ho's along the stretch of Eighth Avenue between 42nd and 48th Streets are mostly run-away Black girls in their early teens. This district is so rough, and the hooker population is so large, that the police tend to leave it alone. But when a string of multiple murders occurs, they have to investigate.

Guild's characters are fascinating: Sheila, brash and hard as nails at 15; Rosie, also 15, a middle-class rebel; Betty, 14 and unlucky, who breaks the rules of the street by falling in love; Eve, 17, rough, tough, and dangerous. There are many more, and Guild's terse, down-to-earth prose makes them all real and sympathetic.

As a crime story, "Street of Ho's" provides excitement every step of the way. As a study of today's troubled teenagers, it's a major classic.

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