



A not uncommon sight on U. S. stock car circuits: Kiekhaefer cars thundering along 1-2-3 at the head of the pack.

KIEKHAEFER-

the Scuderia that walks like a Man



A winner with stock cars, Kiekhaefer is now often rumored to be planning a U. S. sports car assault on LeMans.

Eighteen years ago, Carl Kiekhaefer was an unemployed young engineer with \$1,000, a cold building cluttered with broken tools and a feeling of despair. Today he is a millionaire builder of outboard motors and one of the most controversial characters on the U.S. stock car racing scene

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On an early lap of the 1956 "Southern 500," the race for American stock cars which has become a national circus at Darlington, S. C., Frank Mundy's Dodge crumpled its right front fender at 110 miles per hour. In the pits Mundy's crew labored futilely with torch and hammer to clear the smashed fender from the wheel. Then a middle-aged, almost portly gentleman in a white sports shirt rushed onto the scene. He brushed aside the crew and began swinging prodigiously at the offending part with a crowbar. In seconds Mundy's Dodge was fishtailing back into the stream of traffic.

"That old mechanic with the crowbar," said a bystander, "ought to buy himself some overalls."

"Overalls!" laughed a knowing pal. "I guess if that old man took a notion, he could buy all 70 cars in this race."

The ruddy, cherub-faced man in the sports shirt snapped a few words at Mundy's crew, climbed upon a pile of tires, lit a cigar and resumed watching the speeding cars. This

