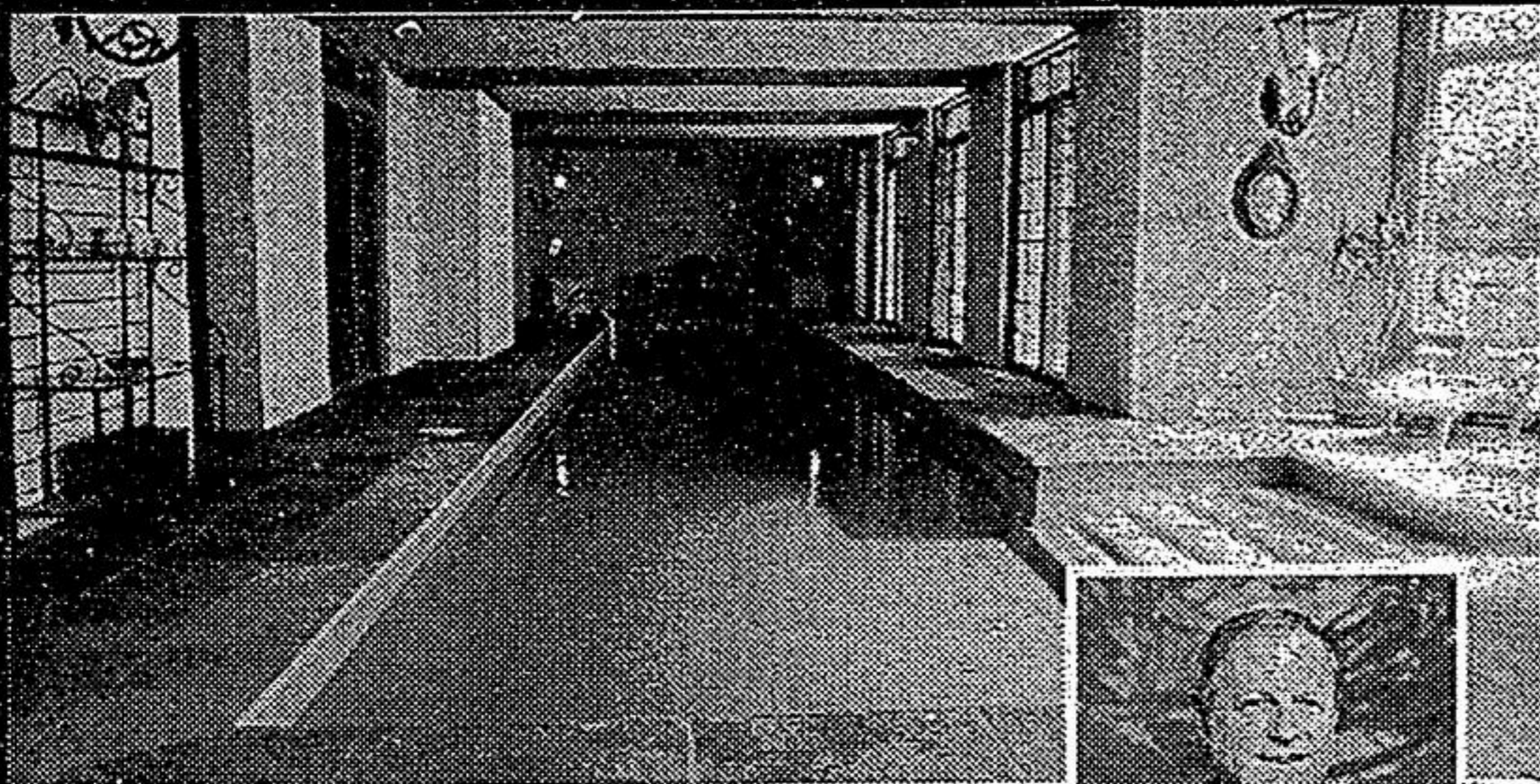




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Gibbons races to second straight CASCAR crown

BY BRUCE STAPLEY
Correspondent

Peter Gibbons was just another spectator when he clinched his second straight CASCAR Super Series National Title Sunday in London.

Motor trouble forced the 38-year-old Goodwood stock car driver to pull out on lap 219 of the 300-lap CASCAR Super Series National Championship race at the Delaware Speedway Park.

But his nearest rival in the CASCAR points chase, Don Thomson, also experienced mechanical problems, resulting in a pit stop that cost him 30 laps. Thomson returned to the race but couldn't make up the ground necessary to catch Gibbons for the national crown.

"We were a little disappointed we didn't finish the race," Gibbons said yesterday from his North Carolina shop. "We felt we had a car that could have won and we were in second place when we went out."

"The only tools we were using were calculators at the end," said Gibbons Motor Sports public relations representative Jason Sharpe. "All we could do was sit back in the pits and see if Donny could get enough points to pass us. He was running around 26th and he needed to finish 15th to beat us."

When it was all over, Gibbons



PETER GIBBONS: Was disappointed in not being able to finish final race.

had hung on for his second consecutive CASCAR national title, edging out Thomson, 1,582 points to 1,561.

The previous week at the Mosport Speedway, Gibbons had edged out Thomson to finish first at the UAP/NAPA Mosport 250-km race.

"It's been a wild couple of weeks," admitted Gibbons.

The Mosport win was that much more satisfying for the Gibbons team because the race was run on the less familiar Mosport road course instead of the oval.

It was his third win of the eight-race CASCAR season

series.

Gibbons said the 2000 season was a result of everything coming together for his team in the face of a stiff challenge from Thomson and several other drivers.

"The competition is right on your tail. We've had a really good year."

Sharpe said winning a second straight CASCAR crown was a feat to be proud of.

"That's an accomplishment. Our guys are working at an elite level."

Sharpe said prospects didn't look promising when Gibbons racked up three second-place showings in the first four races of the season series, but couldn't find his way into the winner's circle.

"Peter had four pole starts at the beginning but no wins. We headed out west (for the fifth and sixth races in Edmonton and Calgary) wondering what we had to do to win."

Gibbons walked away with the Calgary race for his initial win of the year in late July, then followed up with a victory in Montreal in early August before winning at Mosport.

The CASCAR championship all but sealed a three-year extension of the Gibbons team's sponsorship deal with the Canadian Tire Corporation.



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