

Orlando's Soap Box Entry To Race in Akron Today

(Special to The Sunday Sentinel-Star] AKRON, Ohio—The lone entry in the All-American Soap Box Derby from the State of Florida, Ralph Schnur of Orlando, will be at the wheel in Racer 91 this Sun-day afternoon when he coasts down Derby Downs in the world's greatest amateur racing classic. Ralph is from the farthest point south in the United States.

This 15-year-old Orlando champion arrived in Akron at 1:30 A.M. Accompanied by his father Florenze Schnur. Upon arriving the judges called for the inspection of his car. He was called and questioned regarding the weight of racer. The young speedster reported that when his car was shipped to Akron the weight tags showed that his car weighed 114 pounds. When derby officials weighed the racer here it tipped the scales at 126 pounds.

The inspection committee apparently thot that Ralph had added weight to the car after win-ning The Chevrolet-Sentinel-Star's Central Florida crown. After questioning Ralph, the committee approved the racer and notified the younger Floridian that his car was ready to roll down Derby Downs.

Saturday afternoon Ralph rolled down the derby course with other champions in a trial run. The pairings for today's heats were drawn immediately following the trials.

After looking over the 130 cars which will be driven Sunday, Ralph admitted that many of the cars were better than his, and he said some of them will not be as fast as they look and that his car will be in the running. He is determined to give his opponents some stiff opposition today. He says his chief ambition at present is to take the All-American championship back to Orlando.

The seventh annual All-American Derby is scheduled to start at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon with a parade of champions. The first race will begin an hour later.

Information received yesterday from Ralph Schnur, 15, winner of

Orlando's Soap Box Derby and now in Akron to compete this afternoon in the national finals indicated that the youth is having the "time of his life."

Schnur wrote that when he arrived in Akron a police escort met

his train and bore him to his private hotel room "right thru all the red lights and as fast as we could go." He said that his hotel room number was 711, about as lucky a number as he could find.

A special attendant looks after his sleek racer.