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Tank Convoy Adds To Rally Hazards

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP) — Scott Harvey, of Detroit, has virtually wrapped up first place in the cross-Canada rally which ends after today's run into Halifax, experts concede.

Harvey and his navigator, Ralph Beckman, started today's run in first place with eight points, half the total of their closest competitor.

This is the third time Harvey and Beckman have worked as a team, but the first time in the cross-Canada. They have never been over-all winners.

Should they win, they would split the \$1,000 first prize plus \$350 as winners of their class. Their blue Barracuda, sponsored by Chrysler Canada Ltd., is in Class 5, the second highest category.

COMPLETE BEST RUN

Thursday's run, in which Harvey and Beckman did not lose a point, was the best rallying so far on this year's event, drivers said.

They praised the terrain in Quebec and the Maritimes after criticizing the dull rallying on the Prairies.

Jim Gunn, rally organizer, said the move into the Maritimes—the rally had never been in the area in its eight-year history—was gratifying.

"The drivers I have talked to were pleased with the test that roads in New Brunswick provided and we've got more coming up in Nova Scotia. Today will be a real test," Gunn said.

ONTARIO PAIR SECOND

Meanwhile, Paul MacLennan of Toronto and Jim Peters of Burlington, Ont., remained in second place with 16 points. They are driving a Rambler American.

Third place was held by Tom Jones of Port Arthur and John Medwell of Toronto, also in a Rambler American. They have 18 points while Ewold van Bergen of South Africa and Paul Manson of Toronto in a Datsun are fourth with 25 points.

Fifth place is held by the husband and wife team of Hadyn and Sylvia Gozzard of London, Ont., in a Renault. They also were first in class, first in the couples section and first in the private entry category.

Thursday's run included two speed sections, one in a forest reserve outside Sherbrooke and the other at Canadian Forces Base Gagetown, near Fredericton.

TANK HITS DITCH

On the forest reserve, rallyists encountered the first mud of this year's run, while at Gagetown tanks were a problem.

Paul MacLennan whipped his Rambler American around a curve and was confronted with a convoy of 17 tanks which he managed to avoid. The second car through the section, Hunter Floyd's Rambler American, was going 110 miles an hour when he saw the tanks.

He swerved one way and a tank swerved into a ditch to avoid a collision.

MacLennan phoned the starter and it was arranged with the army to move the tanks off the course.

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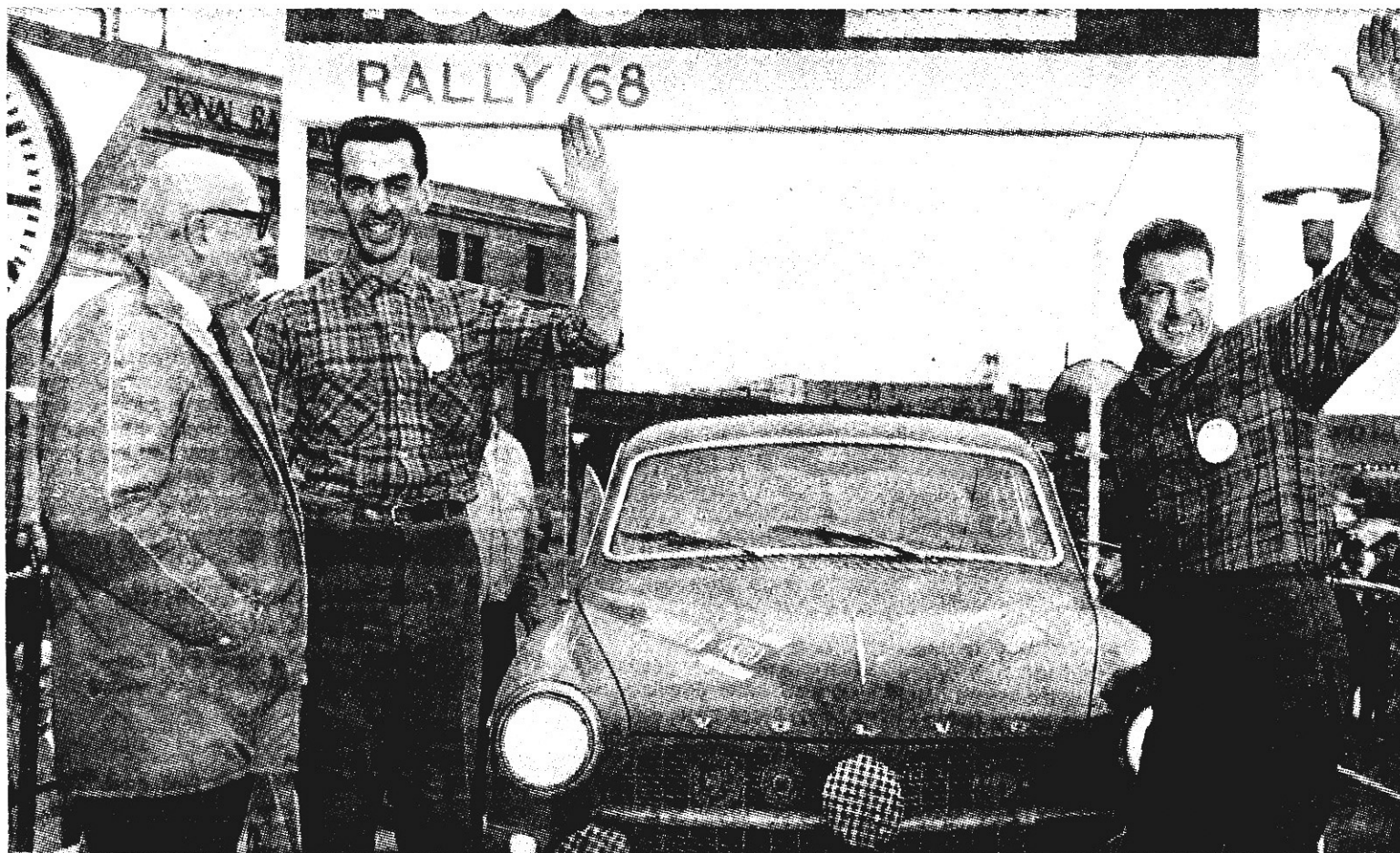


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Scott Harvey Man Of Word Wins Cross-Canada Event

By GORDON GRANT

HALIFAX (CP) — Scott Harvey is a man of his word—and he proved it Friday by winning the cross-Canada rally—something he said he would do a week ago.

Harvey and his navigator Ralph Beckman, both of Detroit, lost only eight points on the six-day grind which started last Saturday night in Calgary.

Their point total was the second lowest in the eight-year history of the event—Richard Doyen and Clay Gibbs of Milwaukee, Wis., lost no points in 1963.

Harvey said before the start he would win this year's rally or drop out because of pushing his car too fast.

"I'm tired of winning class, but never over-all. This year I will go all out from the start and win, or finish back in the pack," he said.

He pushed hard and lost eight points on the first leg, from Calgary to Regina. All were lost in speed sections on roads which are closed to the public. He lost no points on the regular sections which make up most of the course.

After learning that he had finished first, Harvey, sipping champagne on the ramp set up outside the Hotel Nova Scotian, said: "I've waited a long time for this and I feel great."

He has been in seven other cross-Canada rallies sponsored by Shell Canada Ltd., but never finished higher than seventh, which he did last year.

"This was the best rally I have been on. The first night there were three speed sections and that was tough. But the car, which I have been working on since last year, held up beautifully."

His blue 1967 Barracuda was in top shape when he arrived after he had done a little work on it during the rally.

He had changed his exhaust system and replaced tires and a rear engine mount.

US Team Winner; Record 55 Finishers In Rally

By GORDON GRANT

Scott Harvey and Ralph Beckman, both of Detroit, were named unofficial winners of the cross-Canada rally which started in Calgary last Saturday and ended in Halifax last night.

The Americans, in a Barracuda, sponsored by Chrysler (Canada) Ltd., lost only eight points on the 4,125-mile trip, half the total of the second place team.

Jim Gunn, rally organizer, presented Harvey and Beckman with a \$1,000 cheque and the Shell trophy.

The winners lost all their points on speed sections on the first leg of the rally between Calgary and Regina.

Harvey, competing in the event for the seventh time, said: "I've waited a long time for this and I feel great. I guess you could call this a special stage rally. All first four cars were clean on the road, we all lost points where speed was the most important factor."

HAD DOUBTS

Beckman, a 22-year-old engineering student, said: "I knew Scott was the greatest, but I wasn't sure if I could navigate for him. I suppose I did all right."

He added that the last section of the rally which brought drivers from Moncton was the toughest section. "We had two flat tires and the roads were rough with large rocks littered on them. But Scott made up time when we got behind."

This was Harvey and Beckman's first time together as a Renault team in the cross-Canada, although they had entered two other rallies without winning.

Tom MacLennan of Toronto, and Jim Peters, of Burlington, Ont., were unofficially second with 16 points in a Rambler American.

Tom Jones of Port Arthur and John Medwell of Toronto, also in a Rambler American, were third with 18 points.

Results are unofficial until the cars have been checked today and to make sure that seals that were attached to major components at Calgary are intact.

Sealed parts include the engine, transmission, drive

axle assembly and the generator or alternator. If the seals are broken or frayed penalty points are assessed. However, a winner has never lost points in these tests in the rally's eight-year history.

Harvey said: "We didn't take any penalty points Friday so there's no way we can be replaced as winners."

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55 FINISHED

A total of 55 cars finished the long grind, the largest number ever to finish the event.

Gunn said unexpectedly good weather was responsible for the large number of finishers. Prior to the start he had estimated that less than half the 69 competitors would finish.

Most competitors said this was the easiest cross-Canada they had been involved in and many were critical about the placing of check points.

After coming out of a tight section there would not be a checkpoint for about 15 miles so you could fly along the highway and make up for the time lost in tight spots," Peters said.

"Last year the checkpoints were placed at the ends of the tough sections and plenty of points were lost. I don't know why it was changed this year. I have no real complaints, though, because Harvey is a great driver and his car was extremely well prepared," he added.

Haydn and Sylvia Gozzard, a husband and wife team from London, Ont., were the top private entry in a Renault. This was their second try at the cross-Canada, last year they finished 15th.

They finished sixth overall after being in fifth place when they left the overnight stop at Saint John, N.B., Friday morning.

They arrived at a checkpoint five minutes early and were waiting to check in when another car arrived. Mrs. Gozzard says she was told by another navigator that it was time to check in and she did not. It cost the Gozzards 10 points because they still were one minute early.

The Gozzards also finished first in their class and picked up a total of \$2,350.

American Motors (Canada) Ltd. won the manufacturers trophy with Toyota second and Datsun third.

Rally Results

HALIFAX (CP) — Provisional final results in the 4,000-mile cross-Canada car rally.

1. Scott Harvey, Dearborn Heights, Mich., Ralph Beckman, Ann Arbor, Mich. Barracuda—8 points.

2. Paul MacLennan, King, Ont., Jim Peters, Burlington, Ont. Rambler—16.

3. Tom Jones, Port Arthur, Ont., John Medwell, Toronto, Ont. Rambler—18.

4. Ewold Leonard Van Bergen, South Africa, Paul Manson, Toronto. Datsun—25.

5. Hunter Floyd, St. Albert, Alta., Lucz Ecker, Don Mills, Ont. Rambler—51.

6. Haydn Gozzard, London, Ont., Sylvia Gozzard, London, Ont. Renault—59.

7. Tony Fall, Berkshire, England, Denis Johnson, Mt. Royal, Que. BMC 1800—64.

8. James Potts, London, Ont., Ernest Wilson, Ingersoll, Ont. Renault—66.

9. Fritz Hochreuter, Agincourt, Ont., Ron Carney, Huntsville, Ont. Porsche—75.

10. John Smith, Kingston, Ont., John Catlo, Ottawa, Toyota—97.

Eastern Canadian results included:

16. Richard Vezina, Quebec City, Yvon Turmel, Quebec, Volvo—180.

18. Marcel Rainville, Quebec City, Robin Edwardes, Pierrefonds, Que., Toyota—224.

21. Pierre Cayer, Quebec City, Andre Beausejour, Longueuil, Que., Peugeot—269.

36. Arno Hansen, Dartmouth, N.S., Donald MacKenzie, Dartmouth, Volvo—761.