

DAYTONA'S 24-HOUR ENDURANCE RACE

Speedy trio takes Porsche to upset victory

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Hurley Haywood of Florida, co-winner in 1973 and 1975, and two other drivers, who were victims of a controversial finish last year, combined for a steady performance that brought their Porsche Carrera to an upset victory Sunday in the 24 Hours of Daytona endurance race.

Haywood, who co-drove with Peter Gregg in earlier triumphs, teamed with John Graves and Dr. Dave Helmick, also of Florida, to cover 2,615 miles at better than a 108 miles-an-hour average.

In second place, about 10 miles behind, were Italians Martino Finotto and Carlo Facetti in a Porsche 935 turbo. Another 935, which led most of the race until a long pit stop and gave the eventual winners the lead at the 21-hour mark, was third, co-driven by Reinhold Joest of Germany and Bob Wollek of France, 40 miles back.

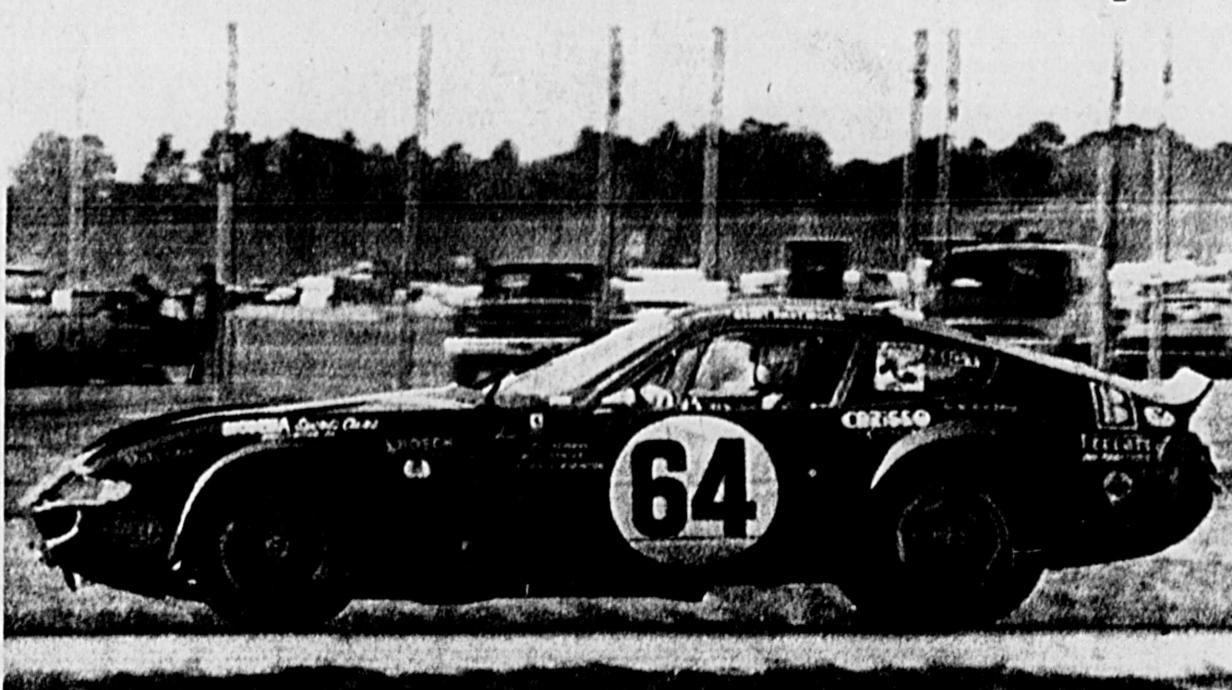
Actor Paul Newman and Californians Milt Minter and Elliott Forbes-Robinson motored to an impressive fifth place in a Ferrari Daytona, behind another Carrera, piloted by Californians Brad Friselle and George Dyer.

A large crowd—about 50,000 over the two days—watched under cool, clear skies.

Early leaders and pre-race favorites Jacky Ickx of Belgium and Jochen Mass retired with about eight hours left after Mass crashed their 935 for the second time in the same place on the track. Tires were blamed in both cases.

Both crashes tore the right side completely off the car.

Misfortune also struck Gregg, a three-time winner whose bid for the lead near the mid-point was ended by a three-hour transmission rebuild that cost his team 100 laps.



Paul Newman made his racing debut in a Ferrari Sunday at the Daytona Speedway.

The only other leader, former drag racer Danny Ongais in a Porsche prototype, retired about 90 minutes into the event with a broken piston.

Scarcely two dozen of the nearly 60 starters were still running when the checkered flag dropped on the season-opening World Championship of Makes event at 3 p.m. EST. Porsche took all the Makes points.

Those sidelined at the finish included the women's Inaltera prototype entry of Christine Beckers of Belgium and Italian Lella Lombardi.

Beckers escaped injury in the worst crash of the race, when a slower car forced her into the wall while running fifth, and another car driven by Jon Woodner drove over top of her machine and rolled. Meanwhile, the Haywood-Graves-Helmick

Carrera, after starting 12th, moved up to third by the seventh hour as the faster Porsche turbos and Inalteras dropped out.

They inherited second when Gregg's machine was repaired, and finally took the lead when a nagging left front wheel problem put the Joest-Wollek entry out of contention.

Haywood had moved into the lead last year, with less than six hours remaining, when the race was controversially stopped. Three cars, including the leading BMW of eventual winners Brian Redman and Gregg, and the second place Graves-Helmick-Dave O'Steen Carrera, had stuttered to a stop with mysteriously watered fuel.

The incident, possibly the result of sabotage, precipitated the unprecedented halting of the Graves-Helmick-O'Steen entry was ruined beyond hope.

Manchester has good day

LONDON (Reuters) — It was Manchester's day in English League soccer action Saturday even though Liverpool increased its leading margin to three points with a 4-1 win over Birmingham.

Manchester City, with a goal near the end of each half, beat Stoke 2-0 and joined Ipswich in second place behind Liverpool. City has three games in hand over Liverpool while Ipswich has four after its Saturday match against Queen's Park Rangers was postponed.

City ran its unbeaten streak to 15 games, while Manchester United scored its sixth win in seven games by beating Derby 3-1.

To complete the day, United manager Tommy Docherty won the manager-of-the-month award which includes cash and whisky.

There were sad endings to Liverpool's win and the 2-0 Aston Villa triumph over Everton. Liverpool defender Phil Thompson suffered a groin injury and had to withdraw from the England squad that meets the Netherlands on Wednesday.

And Scotland international Andy Gray scored his 24th goal for Villa but was later taken off with a bruised hip and a groin injury. Gray will likely miss the Scottish team's under-21 match against Wales on Wednesday.

More businessmen needed in hockey

OTTAWA (CP) — Ron Roberts, executive director of the World Hockey Association players' association, says hockey's financial ills have arisen primarily because "there are no businessmen in the business."

Speaking at a symposium on sports law and policy at the University of Ottawa on Saturday, Roberts said he blamed the state of hockey on incompetent management, under-capitalized operations and over-valued franchises.

He said that unless players and owners begin working together for the good of the game, he could foresee six or eight teams folding within the next year in the WHA and the National Hockey League and that another 150 players would find themselves out of work.

Recent situations in which Indianapolis Racers of the WHA and Cleveland Barons of the NHL agreed to accept salary deferrals were, he said, an indication of the players' willingness to help.

John Ziegler, chairman of the NHL board of governors, said he would admit that "poor decisions were made" during the signing war between the NHL and the WHA between 1973 and 1975.

He said many hockey people miscalculated what returns would be when they went to any length to sign a player.

Ziegler, also a governor of Detroit Red Wings, said mutual respect between players and owners is the method by which hockey can find its way out of the present dilemma.

KEEPS ON WINNING
Tennessee has taken the Southeastern Conference track championship for the last 13 seasons.

The old Glasgow rivalry moved back to the top of the Scottish League after former leader Aberdeen lost 2-1 to Partick.

Celtic, with a 4-2 win over Hibernian, took the lead atop the Premier Division with 28 points. Derek Johnston and Tommy McLean scored for Rangers who beat Ayr 2-0 to join Aberdeen in second spot with 26 points.

Back in the English First Division, Sunderland continued its slide toward relegation and made it 967 minutes in a row without scoring a goal after a scoreless draw against Arsenal.

Atop the Second Division, Chelsea widened its lead over Bolton to three points with a 1-0 win over Carlisle, but the victory was costly. Steve Finnieston, Chelsea's ace scorer, suffered a fractured cheekbone.

Millwall did a favor for neighboring Chelsea by beating second-place Bolton 3-0 while Wolverhampton moved up into third place with a 2-1 victory over Nottingham Forest. That stretched Wolves' unbeaten streak to 11 games.

One of the top individual feats of the day was a three-goal effort by Vic Halom of Oldham in a 4-0 win over Bristol Rovers.

Judge Ed Houston of Ottawa, who acted as the NHL's arbitrator in player-management relations for many years, said that despite its problems, hockey is far ahead of many of the sports in its player-management relations.

In a portion of the symposium dealing with violence in sport, WHA president Bill McFarland said recent prosecutions over hockey violence "are designed as a warning to people like me and Clarence Campbell (NHL president) that if we can't manage our own business, we'll end up in the courts."

McFarland felt, however, that hockey was best-equipped to deal with its own problems in that regard, rather than be subjected to a "sporadic and discriminatory" series of prosecutions in the courts.



New coach Hugh Campbell, left, talks with ex-Esks boss Ray Jauch.

Campbell likes challenge

EDMONTON (CP) — Hugh Campbell is "looking forward to the challenge" of his first job as a head coach in the Canadian Football League.

Campbell's appointment as head coach—a two-year contract—was announced Friday by Edmonton Eskimos, the Western Football Conference club he helped beat on a number of occasions in the 1960s as an outstanding pass receiver for Saskatchewan Roughriders.

A quiet talker, Campbell told a news conference that his first priority will be to select a coaching staff—"I have six or seven names in mind."

Then, he said, he will strive to form an "exciting, disciplined, well-drilled team" with a good sound defence and an offence that would not be too predictable, one that would retain the "element of surprise."

In the Eskimos Campbell, 35, inherits a club that slipped into third place in 1976 after winning three consecutive WFC championships and the Grey Cup in 1975.

He has experience in rebuilding a football team. He has been head coach at Whitworth College in Spokane, Wash., since 1970, where he took over a football program that was almost extinct—

Whitworth had played only one game in the two previous years.

In the last five years Whitworth has won 67 per cent of its games and Campbell was selected coach of the year in the Pacific Northwest Conference three times.

Campbell decided early in his playing career that he wanted to become a coach, and set out to gain the required knowledge.

He worked with the coaching staffs at Washington State University—where he played his college football—from 1963 to 1967 while still an active player in the CFL; then served

as an assistant coach at Washington State in 1968 and 1969.

While at Whitworth, he served as a guest coach at Montana State and San Jose State and during the last four years helped out at WFC training camps—with Saskatchewan in 1973 and with Winnipeg Blue Bombers from 1974 to 1976.

In six years with Saskatchewan, Campbell caught 60 touchdown passes, set a single-season CFL record for most touchdown passes caught—17 in 1966—and played in two Grey Cup games—1966 and 1967.

Conteh to defend title

LIVERPOOL, England (Reuters) — John Conteh of Britain, World Boxing Council light heavyweight champion, will defend his title here on March 5 against American Len Hutchins instead of Argentine Miguel Angel Cuello, the promoter said Sunday.

Manny Goodall, who is promoting the contest in Conteh's home town, said Cuello had

asked the WBC for a postponement of the bout because of a cut eyebrow he sustained in training this week.

Goodall said that after a telephone conversation with WBC president Jose Suleiman in Mexico City, it was agreed that Cuello could be replaced by Hutchins, ranked sixth in the world.

INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY

Confusion may end

MONTREAL (CP) — Hockey Canada's newly formed international committee could end the confusion that existed last December and January when more than 50 teams from Europe and North America were involved in international matches at the same time.

Don Johnson, president of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, said in an interview Sunday the committee, created last December, will act as a clearing house for all such competition.

"The committee will be a clearing house on all international matches for Canadian teams and in this way we hope to avoid the situation which developed a couple of months ago," Johnson said.

Alan Eagleson is chairman of the committee whose other members include Johnson and Gordon Jukes representing the CAHA, Doug Fisher and former NHL player Bill Hay. Although the CAHA has no control over National Hockey League and World Hockey Association teams in the United States, Johnson said that because Eagleson is director of the NHL players association, he had no fear that NHL teams in the U.S. would go against the committee's aims.

As CAHA president, Johnson will be Canada's official representative at the World Hockey Championships in Vienna in March and there are hopes in the association that Eagleson will agree to serve as an alternate delegate.

During a news conference after the CAHA semi-annual meeting, Johnson denied that the CAHA has taken a back seat to the professionals in international hockey.

"We're realistic and accept that the pros can put together a much better team than us," he said. "With the inception of amateur-professional tournaments, our work switched to the development level for amateur players."

He said the semi-annual meeting approved a \$523,000 development budget for coaches, referees and managers.

Gordon Renwick, CAHA vice-president said: "We could use five million for our development programs. If you know where we can get the money, we'll gladly take it."

Renwick will become CAHA

president this spring.

Johnson said the CAHA is happy with the money obtained from the Canada Cup hockey tournament, but refused to say how much was received. Profits from the Canada Cup were split evenly between the CAHA and the NHL and WHA players associations.

The CAHA will try to organize a symposium on women's hockey for the summer, to "see where they want to go," Johnson said. Some women's leagues are affiliated with CAHA branches.

"They're more than welcome to join our association," Johnson said. "We feel they'd

be better off with us because of our contacts and they would also avoid a great deal of duplication."

The 1978 World Junior hockey championships will be held in Canada and the choice of both a site and dates will be made at an upcoming meeting of Hockey Canada's international committee, he added.

As part of Canada's exchange with the Soviet Union, a Russian midget squad will tour Canada beginning Feb. 12 in Moncton, N.B., with other contests at Ottawa, Feb. 14, Thunder Bay, Ont. Feb. 18, Cornwall, Ont. Feb. 20, Sorel, Que. Feb. 22 and Quebec City, Feb. 23.

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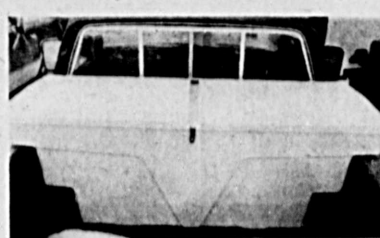


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