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****The VANCOUVER SUN: Tues., Sept. 7, 1965

MOTORSPORT

McLean Wins Canadian Crown

By **BOB PURCELL**

When the Players Challenge Trophy, symbolic of Canadian auto racing supremacy, goes to the jewelers this month for its annual engraving, the notation will be: 1965—Bob McLean, Vancouver.

McLean earned the title after two races this weekend which put him out of reach—in total points—of second-place Ludwig Heimrath, Toronto's recalcitrant racer.

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The first, at Mosport Park, near Toronto, was a 62 $\frac{1}{2}$ -mile, one heat event dubbed the Indian Summer races by the sponsoring British Empire Motor Club.

Heimrath, who trailed McLean by seven points, with 21, prior to the race-finished first overall in his McLaren-Elva-Ford. McLean was sixth overall, but failed to lose ground to the Toronto driver due to his first-in-under-two-litres class finish. He was driving his Vancouver-based Lotus 23B.

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Peter Lerch of Montreal was second in his McKee-Ford special and Toronto's George Fejer third driving a Chev-powered Merlyn.

Both McLean and Heimrath, now with 36 and 23 points respectively in driver standings, were entered in the Players Prairie meet at



BOB MCLEAN

Fort McLeod, Alta., the following day for the second-last race on the Canadian championship calendar.

McLean, utilizing a regularly scheduled flight from Toronto Sunday, arrived in Calgary at 11 a.m. and was whisked away to the race circuit, an airport course, by private plane. But where was Heimrath?

The Toronto driver, also 1964 champion, failed to appear at Fort McLeod and the race was run without him.

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Both heats of the 100-mile event were won by Winnipeg's George Chapman in a Lotus 23. McLean's Mustang, sent to the Alberta

track for Vancouver's John Hall to drive, was second overall while McLean came home third overall and second in the under-two litre class in a borrowed 1,100 c.c. Lotus 23.

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McLean's second-in-class finish was good for six more points, boosting his total to 42 and putting him out of reach of Heimrath despite the fact that another title race, at the Mont Tremblant-St. Jovite circuit in Quebec, remains to be run.

The Canadian driving championship, monopolized by Toronto drivers since its inception four years ago, belongs to Bob McLean.

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COMING EVENTS

- Sept. 25 No Race at P.R.I.
 Oct. 2 Vancouver Steering Wheel Club - Pre Race Dance.
 Oct. 2 & 3 The Vancouver Sun Fall Trophy Race. Westwood. Registrar S.C.C. of B.C., #603-1433 Beach Ave., Vancouver 5, B.C. Note correction of fees, late entry should be \$5.00 extra. Entries close Sept. 27.

Schedules

Sat. Registration 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 Technical 12:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 Practice 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Novice Race 3:00-3:30
 Team Race 3:45 - 4:15 p.m.

Sunday

Registration 8:30 a.m. to 10:30a.m.
 Technical 9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
 Practice 9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
 Drivers Meeting 11:30 a.m. at timing
 First Race 12 Noon (stand)

- Oct. 9-10-11 Caribou Rally. Entries now open. Registrar Jim Mellett, 902 Dundonald Dr., Glenayre, New Westminster, Phone 939-3434. Full details last bulletin for this national event.
 Oct. 9-10 S.C.C.A. Northwest Grand Prix at P.R.I. Seattle.
 Oct. 10 Westwood Motorcycle Club road race. Closed event.
 Oct. 15 S.C.C.B.C. Club Meeting - attend and elect your nominating committee - Note please be on time, present plans call for 9 p.m. adjournment that we may be the guests of the Slot Racing Association.
 Oct. 17 Bob Whitehead Memorial Race. Sports Cars, Motorcycles & Karts combine for the first time. Entries welcomed. Details Ron Curties, 266-2000.
 Oct. 22 Precedent, Vancouver Steering Wheel Club. All clubs welcome.
 Oct. 23 Five hour Endurance race, Westwood S.C.C.B.C. More to come.
 Oct. 23 Five hour Endurance Banquet, at Masonic Hall, Coquitlam. Tickets \$ 2.50 each, only from Doreen Meredith, HE 4-6579, and Dot Sheriff AM 1-3998, and Oct. club meeting
 Oct. 24 Final race of the 1965 season, Westwood.
 Nov. 19 Annual Club Banquet to be held this year at the Lamplighter Supper Club, 4695 Grandview Douglas Highway. Tickets now on sale only from the 'Do-Do's at HE 4-6579 AM 1-3998 - Club members have priority on tickets till end of October. In November ticket sales open to the public.
 Dec. 12 Christmas Party - please phone your kiddies names to the 'Do-Do's' now.



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PROVISIONAL RESULTS SEPT. 19 - TEXACO PRO INVITATIONAL RACES

| TEXACO | | Preliminary | | | | Westwood | | |
|--------------------|-----------|-------------|----------|-----|-------|----------|---|-------|
| Holinsky, Stan | Vancouver | SCCBC | Jag XKE | 37 | B-GT | 1 | 1 | BGT |
| Randall, John | Vancouver | SCCBC | Lotus 7 | 22 | C-GT | 2 | 1 | CGT |
| Goodman, Milt | Vancouver | SCCBC | Comet | 126 | Sed 3 | 3 | 1 | Sed 3 |
| Hall, John | N. Vanc. | SCCBC | Porsche | 82 | E-GT | 4 | 1 | EGT |
| Sterne, G.B. | Vancouver | SCCBC | Morgan | 4 | D-GT | 5 | 1 | DGT |
| Fawell, John | N. Vanc. | SCCBC | Healey | 234 | D-GT | 6 | 2 | DGT |
| Sportelli, Domenic | Seattle | PSSCC | BMW | 194 | Sed 2 | 7 | 1 | Sed 2 |
| Chase, Jerry | Portland | TCO | Volvo | 133 | Sed 2 | 8 | 2 | Sed 2 |
| Bond, Bill | Vancouver | SCCBC | Bristol | 209 | D-GT | 9 | 3 | DGT |
| Mertsch, Manfred | Vancouver | SCCBC | Volvo | 612 | Sed 2 | 10 | 3 | Sed2 |
| Katins, Horst | Vancouver | SCCBC | Porsche | 204 | E-GT | 11 | 2 | EGT |
| Thomas, John | Seattle | SCCA | Corvette | 10 | A-P | 12 | 1 | AP |
| Campbell, Tony | N. Surrey | SCCBC | Cooper | 147 | E-GT | | | DNF |
| Wagstaff, Geo. | Vancouver | SCCBC | Volvo | 80 | Sed 2 | | | DNF |
| Pillar, Dennis | Portland | TCO | Alfa | 56 | Sed 2 | | | DNF |

TEXACO PRO INVITATIONAL - First Heat

| | | No. of laps |
|-------------------|-----|-------------|
| Ridenour, Dave | 14 | 1 -40 |
| Parsons, Chuck | 10 | 2 -40 |
| Jensen, Don | 62 | 3 -39 |
| Shelton, Monte | 57 | 4 -39 |
| Phillips, Pierre | 3 | 5 -38 |
| Bruhl, Gerry | 47 | 6 -38 |
| Carter, Wade | 22 | 7 -38 |
| Matovich, Frank | 143 | 8 -35 |
| Atkins, Mike | 23 | 9 -35 |
| Lyle, John | 404 | 10 -35 |
| Sievers, Wayne | 106 | 11 -34 |
| Stuhldreier, John | 26 | 12 -29 |
| Campbell, Tony | | -26 |
| Mathews, Jerry | | -24 |
| Eyerly, Mike | | -21 |
| Calvert, Starr | | -13 |
| Burnett, Stan | | -9 |
| Wise, Bruce | | -5 |

TEXACO PRO INVITATIONAL - SEPT. 19, 1965 - (Contd.)

2nd HEAT

| | | | |
|----|------------------|------|-----------|
| 1 | Chuck Parsons | #10 | - 40 laps |
| 2 | Don Jensen | #62 | - 40 laps |
| 3 | Pierre Phillips | #3 | - 39 laps |
| 4 | Monte Shelton | #57 | - 39 laps |
| 5 | Gerry Bruihl | #47 | - 39 laps |
| 6 | Mike Atkins | #23 | - 35 laps |
| 7 | John Lyle | #404 | - 35 laps |
| 8 | Wayne Sievers | #106 | 34 laps |
| 9 | Wade Carter | #22 | - 26 laps |
| 10 | Dave R. Ridenour | #14 | - 16 laps |
| 11 | Frank Matovich | #143 | - 13 laps |

OVERALL RESULTS

| <u>Driver</u> | <u>Car No.</u> | <u>No. of Laps</u> | <u>Total Time</u> | <u>Under or Over</u> |
|-------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Parsons, Chuck, Monterey | 10 | 80 | 100:52.2 | Over |
| Jensen, Don, Seattle | 62 | 79 | 101:00.0 | Over |
| Shelton, Monte, Portland | 57 | 78 | 101:24.1 | Over |
| Phillips, Pierre, Portland | 3 | 77 | 100:48.3 | Under |
| Bruihl, Gerry, Portland | 47 | 77 | 101:24.2 | Under |
| Atkins, Mike, Calgary | 23 | 70 | 101:52.2 | Under |
| Lyle, John, Nanaimo | 404 | 70 | 102:14.0 | Over |
| Sievers, Wayne, N. Burnaby | 106 | 68 | 102:35.2 | Under |
| Carter, Wade, Seattle | 22 | 64 | 102:13.2 | Under |
| Ridenour, Dave, San Francisco | 14 | 56 | 103:19.3 | Over |
| Matovich, Frank, Vancouver | 143 | 48 | 101:06.1 | Under |

* NEW LAP RECORD, 1 min. 12.2 sec., 90.7 m.p.h. average
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RUBBERDUST - Did you know

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- THAT it has been 2½ years since 'Pit Pass' was presented in bulletin form. We hope this development of that format meets with your approval. Please offer any suggestions or criticisms.
- THAT Bill Williams, Jim Jellett, in a Barracuda, won the Columbian Driftwood Rally of Aug. 28-29 - a good win too, second place was 256 points after their first place 90.
- THAT the Ladies Division mentions again Annual Banquet and Endurance Banquet tickets will not be available through the usual garages, only Doreen Meredith and Dot Sheriff and the Oct. 15th (payday) club meeting.
- THAT the Vancouver Sun are donating two all expense trips to Laguna Seca Races as gate prizes Oct. 2nd - 3rd race.
- THAT the next best deal for those attending Laguna Seca is to phone Jim Rattenbury and make reservations at the "Del Rio Lodge" Carmel, Calif. Special moderate rates, CA 4-7407.
- THAT the Club Executive requests anyone pursuing projects, or suggestions of same, to contact them. It has been experienced that effort may be already under way on an idea similar to yours. This will save you and the club duplicate effort and possible embarrassment.
- THAT the Ladies Division are accepting Christmas donations for Woodlands School again this year. Last year's efforts were most warmly welcomed. "Anything for any age" is suitable phone Helen Wingfield at YU 5-1035.
- THAT an enjoyable 30 minutes were spent last club meeting listening to a happy John Hall relate the goings on at the Fort McLeod races - 53 cars entered - 100 cows rounded up by VW - Pits a mess - the Doc Wilson Lotus 17, after good practice times, unfortunately had the engine blow on the first lap. The anticipated competition with Hiemrath and McLean entered. "All in all I would certainly go back at any time."
- THAT our dictionary explains 'recalcitrant' as "one who defies authority."
- THAT Hilda Randall and Dudley Wingfield deserve thanks for taking on, for the balance of the year, the portfolios of Membership Chairman and Treasurer, respectively.
- THAT Fred Duck has left Westwood Power Engineering.
- THAT all members should visit the members warming hut, then thank the ladies for the funds, and Ron Moscrop for the patient effort.
- THAT the British Auto Racing Club, Ontario centre, has a fine newspaper called 'Barc's Bark' Art Lightfoot, local representative.
- THAT sometimes adverts in the bulletin have little or no effect. Thank goodness this one did not sell - from Oct. 1, 1964 "For Sale" Lotus 23.B presently fitting new Lotus Cosworth short motor assembly to guarantee reliability. All other components checked and rebuilt as needed. Extra gear ratios valued at \$500, other spares also. Will maintain for new owner until he becomes familiar with car. A year of disappointment and hard work now makes this possibly the best and fastest 1.6 racing car in the country. See Nov. Track & Traffic. Complete with trailer \$6,200. Bob McLean, 738-5864.

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