

Holmes wins autocross in go-kart

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It was the hour of the go-kart. The prestigious cars, the Jaguar, the 240-Zs, the Lotus — and the less-prestigious cars, the Volkswagens, the Vega, the Pinto — did not break the one-minute mark in Sunday's autocross in parking lot 56, west of the railroad tracks.

Mike Holmes, in a go-kart, buzzed and skidded through the course in 56 seconds. Some members of the sports car club didn't find this very funny.

"It's not even a car," some complained. Others muttered darkly, hinting that the go-kart might be phased from future events.

Despite the muttering, Holmes took home two gold-engraved beer

mugs — one for winning his class (he was the only entry in the under-three-liter modified) and another for turning in the top time of the day.

Other winners in the 22-entry, eight-category event were:

— Charles Hahn in a Datsun 240-Z, 1:01. He won a run-off with Mike Young, also in a 240-Z, after they tied in regular competition. Hahn's best time was 1:00.1 and

Young's best was 1:00 flat. A margin of two-tenths of a second was required for a clear-cut win, so the men had to run again. Other entries in the class included an AMX, an E-type Jaguar and a Lotus JPS.

✓ Chris Thornton in a Triumph TR4, 1:03.5. Also entered was an Opel GT.

✓ Pat Langston in a Triumph Spitfire, 1:02. She beat two Fiats, an X-19 and an 850.

✓ William Bryan in a Camaro,

1:03.2. He beat an AMX.

✓ John Pellett in a Pinto, 1:01.7. Also entered was a Vega stationwagon.

✓ Fraser Border in a Volkswagen Super Beetle, 1:00.6. he beat three other Beetles.

✓ Kyle Johnson in a modified Camaro, 1:02.3. Johnson's was the only entry in the modified big-engine class.

An autocross is an event run on a short racetrack which is about half turns and twists.

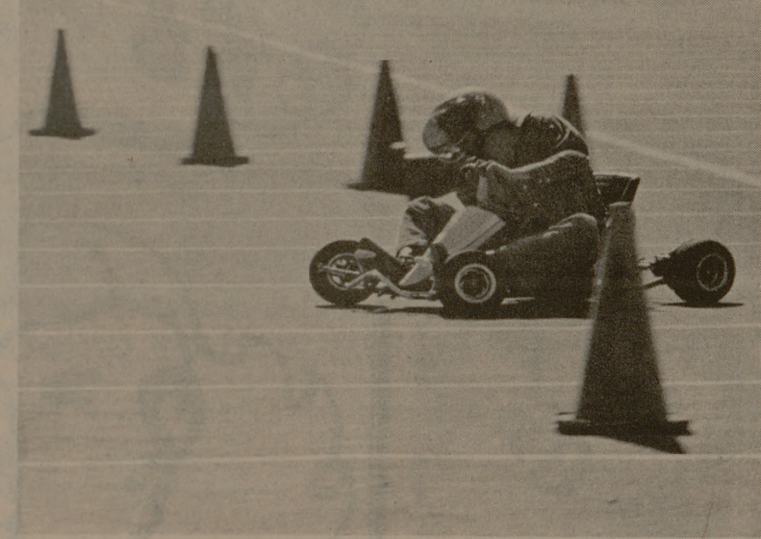
"The whole idea of autocrossing is to have road racing competition for streetable vehicles," Fraser Border, one of the organizers of the event, said.

"It's run, usually, on a small parking lot — it doesn't require an expensive track. It allows competition and improves driving skills and makes better and safer street drivers."

"As far as times to the thing go, there's more to the driver than the car itself."

Of course, there's always the go-karts.

Fraser explained that the low-speed, multi-cornered autocross track is a sitting duck for a go-kart. The go-kart is so much smaller than an automobile that it can treat the autocross track like a race track. A car has to be much more precise in its maneuvers on the narrow autocross track, he said.



Mike Holmes in 56-flat.

Photo by Steve Goble

ABA moves to disband

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The American Basketball Association, four days away from opening its 1975-76 season, dropped one franchise Monday and moved to force a merger of the other nine with the established National Basketball Association.

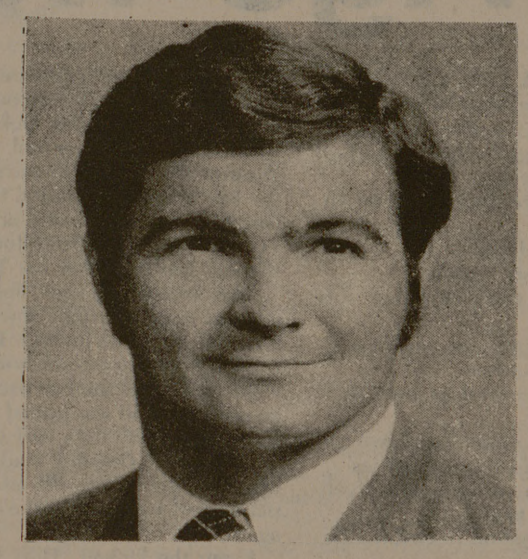
The Baltimore Claws, who played last season as the Memphis Sounds, won't play this year under any name. The ABA announced Monday that the franchise was being disbanded, its players dispersed among the schedule shuffled to reflect the change.

And, in a surprise move, the ABA had seven of its teams follow earlier moves by New York and Denver and send telegrams to NBA Commissioner Larry O'Brien asking to be admitted into the NBA. Both Denver and New York, acting without ABA approval, had applied for membership in the NBA as expansion franchises on Sept. 24.

The developments came as the ABA headed into its ninth season. The league had hoped that its new commissioner, Dave DeBusschere, would be able to land a television contract or force a merger.

The telegrams sent to O'Brien said that each of the seven clubs — Kentucky, Virginia, St. Louis, Indiana, San Antonio, San Diego and Utah — would like to join the NBA for the 1976-77 campaign.

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The World Series was postponed for the third day in a row . . . wet grounds . . . new starting time 8:30 tonight Boston time . . . that's 7:30 here . . . Green Bay entered their contest with Dallas 0-4, Dallas was 4-0 . . . Dallas was a two TD favorite, a first for them this season but were handed a Golden loss . . . talk about jinxes . . . it was in the Stars . . . and then there's that other pro team in Texas . . . it's been awhile since Dallas has taken two wins from George Allen's crew in one season and Houston made the wins look better . . . Saying "I'm no Broadway Joe" Texas quarterback Ted Constanzo has told a newly organized fan club to find someone else. "They shouldn't have started it without talking to me," he said . . . the club was organized by a group who was mad at Marty Akins. Prexy Doug Baker said "This was his last year and he blew it," in reference to the Oklahoma loss . . . Baker noted that "a quarterback will come to this school as a great passer and by the time he comes out he can't throw the ball five yards." Constanzo agreed but

added "a lot of quarterbacks in college don't get a chance." . . . Both Constanzo and Head Coach Darrell Royal turned down invitations to speak to the club. "I am definitely not going," said Royal, "I will have nothing to do with anything that's anti . . . anti? . . . Marty Akins and Earl Campbell have been cleared to play this weekend against Rice if they're not sore . . . and if they are? . . . Royal proposed that facemasking penalties should be either 5 or 15 yards depending on the severity of the infraction. 15-yards hurt the Longhorns against both Oklahoma and Arkansas . . . Royal said the penalties for facemasking were needed because "medically it's not good to let it happen" . . . U. S. now leads the medal count at the Pan Am games with a gold-silver-bronze count of 59-50-23 . . . closest challenger is

Cuba with 34-30-19 . . . The ABA disbanded the renamed Memphis Sounds (Baltimore Claws) and then had the seven remaining non-Benedict Arnold franchises follow two early pirates and ask to be moved into the NBA . . . the season starts in three days . . . here's some poetry from an Aggie-ex in California . . . Rich May '68 . . .

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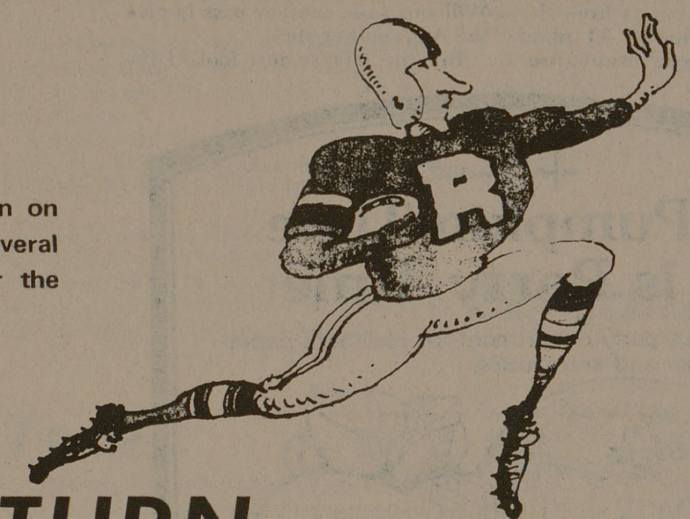
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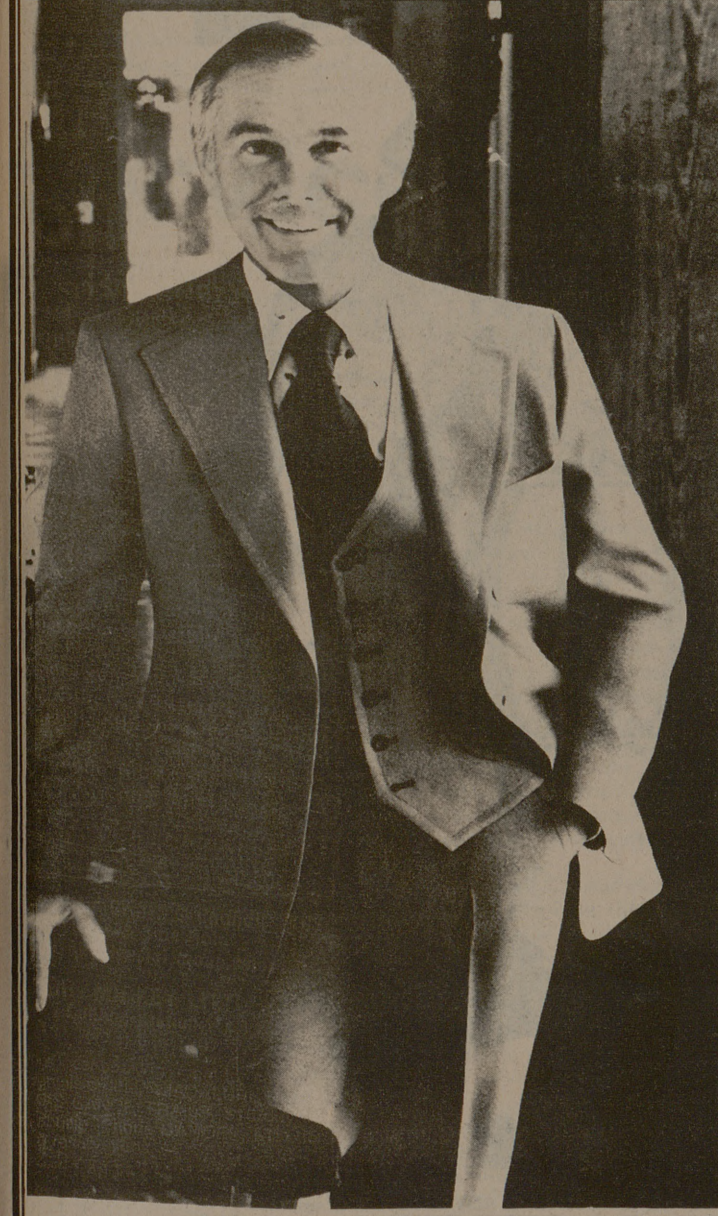
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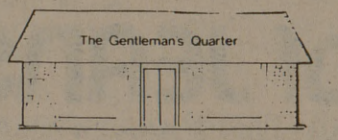
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