

**600 DUSTY MILES BEHIND THEM**

*Vancouver Sun June 3, 1968*

## Vancouver Duo Second in 4000 Rally

### **Special to The Sun**

REGINA — The Vancouver-based Datsun team stood second Sunday night in the manufacturers' championship section of the Shell 4000 Cross-Canada rally.

Datsun drivers John Horton and Ed Deak of Vancouver were also 10th in the over-all standings at the end of a gruelling 300-mile first-day run from Calgary.

But they and other Datsun drivers were nosed out in the team championship by the American Motors team, which picked up only 85 penalty points on the first day out, compared with 96 for the Datsun drivers.

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Montreal La Presse  
June 3 1968

Alberta, samedi soir. A l'issue de la première étape, Paddy Hopkirk d'Irlande mène au classement général. Toutefois, il a repris la route ce matin (lundi), avec le moteur de sa minuscule Mini-Cooper S, fort surchauffé.

En effet, durant cette étape de 600 milles de Calgary à Regina, la voiture de Hopkirk a chauffé, lui causant ainsi de sérieux problèmes. Il a quand même réussi à s'emparer de la tête, avec seulement trois points de pénalisation, malgré les obstacles habituels des Prairies, à savoir des vaches hargneuses, des vents violents et une poussière étouffante.

On s'attendait à une première manche fort difficile du rallye Shell, en raison des pluies. Mais une forte chaleur combinée à des vents de 60 milles à l'heure ont rapidement transformé la boue en poussière.

Des 69 voitures qui ont démarré à tour de rôle à Calgary samedi soir, deux ont déjà abandonné au terme de cette première étape. Celle-ci comprenait au programme, quatre des huit épreuves en secteur fermé du rallye.

Derrière Hopkirk et son navigateur Mike Kerry de Toronto, on retrouve Scott Harvey de Détroit, ancien champion de rallye des Etats-Unis, au volant d'une Barracuda, avec huit points de pénalisation. Il est talonné en troisième place, à huit points de différence, par Paul MacLennan, vainqueur du Shell 4000 en 1966.

MacLennan pilote une des trois Rambler American d'American Motors, qui a réussi à prendre une mince avance sur l'écurie Datsun, dans la lutte pour le championnat des constructeurs.

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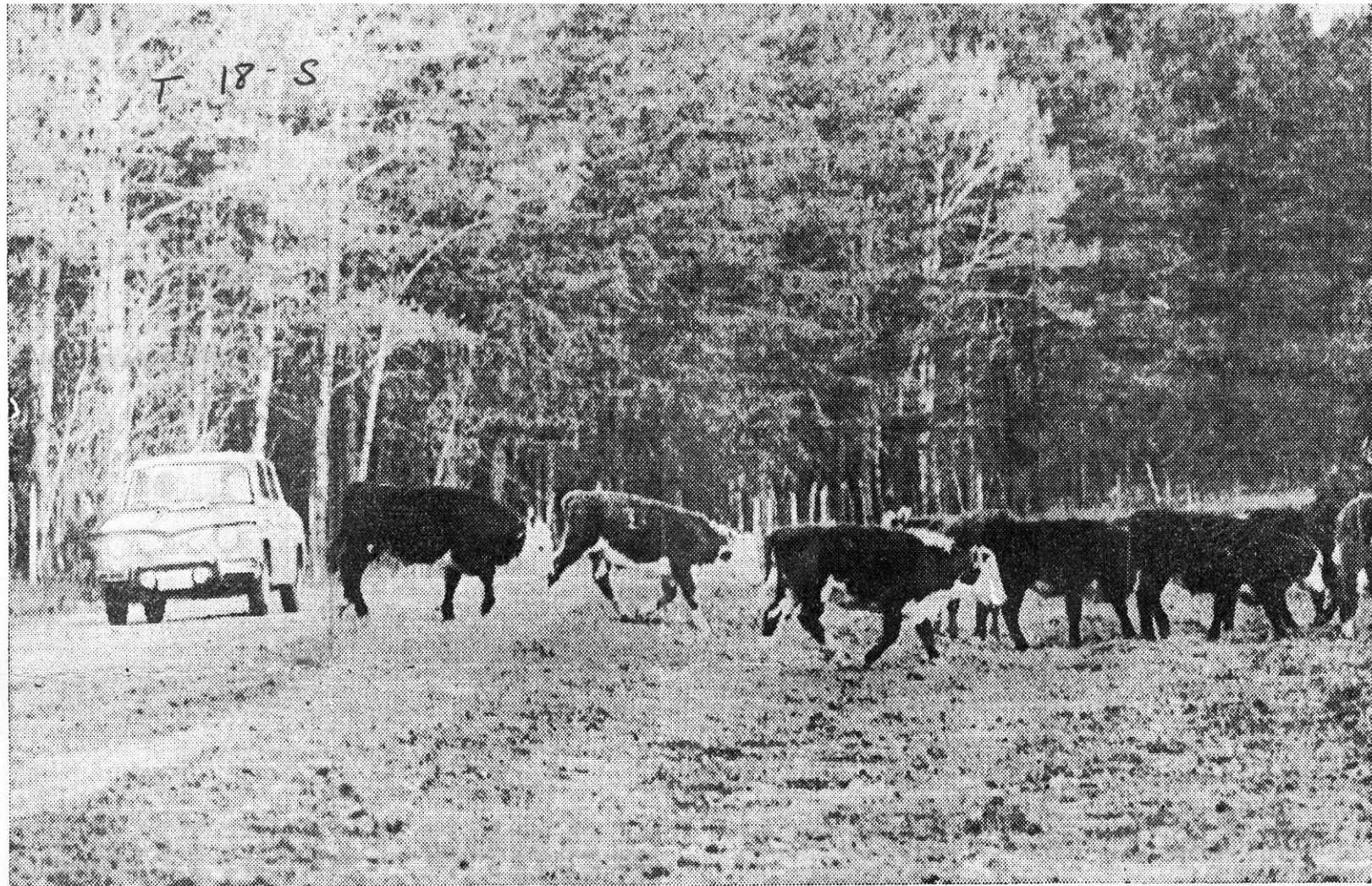
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### **Difficultés imprévues dans le rallye 4000**

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## 4000 RESULTS

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1. Paddy Hopkirk, Berkshire, England, Mike Terry, Toronto, Cooper "S"—three points.

2. Scotty Harvey, Dearborn Heights, Mich., Ralph Beckman, Ann Arbor, Mich., Barracuda—eight.

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

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

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9. Mo Carter Burlington Ont., Art Dempsey, Weston, Ont. F85 Cutless—43.

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Hopkirk's car developed an overheating problem during the first 600-mile leg from Calgary to Regina. He took the lead with just three penalty points despite running into the usual prairie obstacles of cantankerous cows, howling winds and choking dust.

The first leg was expected to be tougher due to wet weather, but high temperatures of the past two days combined with the winds gusting to 60 miles an hour turned the mud into dust.

Of the 69 cars that left Calgary Saturday for Halifax June 7, two fell victim of the gruelling first-day test set by rally organizer Jim Gunn which included four of the rally's eight special speed sections.

Close behind Hopkirk and his Toronto navigator Mike Kerry is former U.S. Rally champion Scott Harvey of Detroit in a Barracuda. Harvey's eight penalty points are eight less than Paul MacLennan winner of the 1966 individual championship. The Toronto fireman is driving one of the American Motors Ramblers which has taken a slim lead over the Vancouver-based Datsun team in the



Paddy Hopkirk

battle manufacturers' championship.

In fourth place over-all is Tom Jones of Port Arthur, another member of the American Motors team. His co-pilot is John Medwell of Toronto.

Since the rain and mud did not materialize most rallyists found the first leg easy. Earlier Gunn had predicted 10 cars would fail to reach Regina. The 20-hour run to Fort William today features two more closed sections through rugged roads of riding mountain National Park 50 miles north of Brandon, and sandy lands forest reserve 50 miles east of Winnipeg.

This is the run Hopkirk feels is most critical for his Mini-Cooper. "If we get through this one still in first place I think we should win it," Hopkirk said.

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# **La Mini-Cooper S prend les devants au rallye Shell**

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Hopkirk n'a perdu que trois points sur la distance de 600 milles entre Calgary et la première étape à Regina.

Le moteur de la voiture de Hopkirk a failli sauté, mais il a pu atteindre Regina grâce aux bonnes conditions des chemins.

Harvey a perdu sept de ses huit points lorsqu'il a été forcé d'arrêter par un troupeau de vaches dans une section fermée. Hopkirk a perdu deux points pour la même raison.

La voiture de MacLennan et Perets fut la première arrivée

et les deux hommes sont signalé que l'étape n'avait offert aucune difficulté.

Richard Wallace, de Hull, et Danny Quirk, de Mont Paica, Qué., ont évité des blessures de justesse quand leur voiture, une Saab, a fait une chute de 20 pieds dans une section rapide à Highwood, Alberta, mais ils ont dû abandonner.

De même, les Américains Leon Lawrence et Russell Gluck, dans une autre Saab, ont abandonné à la suite de difficultés mécaniques.

Chez les manufacturiers, American Motors menaient avec 83 points de pénalisation, suivis des Datsun avec 93.

Les concurrents se rendent à Fort William aujourd'hui.

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**RALLY HAZARD** — Cattle strolling over the road-way made an extra hazard for competitors in the Shell 4000 rally Sunday in Cypress Hills in southwest-ern Saskatchewan. The rally began Saturday in Calgary and ends Friday in Halifax. (CP Wirephoto)

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### *Kicking up the dust*

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