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Former winner Paul Mac-Lennan found that out as he hurtled at more than 100 miles an hour through a section of Gagetown Military Camp near Fredericton late in the afternoon, a 21-mile speed course supposedly closed to all other traffic. But a sergeant had other ideas.

"Well, there was the tank." recalled MacLennan, "and it was not a very wide road as dirt roads go, I think one of us must have skidded into the ditch. I think it was him."

Other rallyists, considering the odds, tended to disagree with MacLennan's recollection but the brief side trip in-andout of the New Brunswick By CHRIS ALLAN

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The closed sections are the only part of the rally where outright speed counts, penalty points being assessed if drivers fail to match a target time set for each class according to engine capacity.

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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.

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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.

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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.

Ron Lyncn, navigating for Ray Middlemiss of Vancouver, was assessed eight penalty points Thursday but rose from 18th to 16th place in the standings. The Datsun team now has

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Should the Gozzards finish first in the private entry section they would be the first couple to do so. They currently stand to

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Detroit's Harvey nears rally crown as final leg opens

Special to The Star

SAINT JOHN, N.B., June 7 — Scott Harvey of Detroit is heading towards Halifax today an almost certain winner of the Shell 4,000-mile cross-Canada auto rally.

If Harvey and his young navigator Ralph Beckman can get their beautifully prepared Barracuda into the Nova Scotia capital with fewer than seven penalty points tonight the championship is theirs.

The U.S. Rally champion has gone penalty free since Tuesday and is confident he will win the title that he has come so close to in the last two years.

He was runnerup to Roger Clark of England last year and in 1966 Harvey was first in class and fourth overall.

Before he left Calgary last Saturday, Harvey felt this was going to be his year. Along with the team of Rambler Americans his Barracuda was among the best prepared for the 4000-mile test over Canada's toughest roads.

"I planned at the start to drive a different rally than in previous years," the Chrysler engineer said. "Before, I would drive conservatively at the start, lose valuable points and have to catch up."

"And when you get behind it's hard to catch up," he added. In rallying you can only lose points, you can't gain them."

These were the same sentiments echoed by Paul Mac-Lennan, the 1966 overall champion, when he left Sherbrooke, Que., Wednesday for Saint John. The Toronto fireman finds himself in the same spot Harvey was in the last two years. He has 16 penalty points, eight more than Harvey and little chance to catch up unless the American runs into unexpected trouble. "I don't think there is any way Scott is going to lose it," he said. "He's too good a driver.

While MacLennan may never catch Harvey this year for the individual championship, he and his navigator Jim Peters, of Burlington, Ont., have played a major role in the American Motors domination of the manufacturers category.

Right behind MacLennan in fourth position is Tim Jones of Port Arthur and John Medwell of Toronto. Hunter Floyd of St. Albert. Alta and Lutz Ecker of Don Mills, Ont., are sixth in a third Rambler. Their total of 85 penalty points is far ahead of Toyota Corollas with 354 points and Datsuns with 1,623.

While most of the attention in the Rally has centered around the disqualified Mini-Cooper of Paddy Hopkirk and the AMC domination of the team event, Sylvia and Haydn Gozzard, the husband and wife team from London, Ont., have quietly taken the lead in three major categories.

In fifth place overall, they are also the leading private entry; the leading couples entry and they have their Renault at the top of its class, "Our car is running like a top," said Haydn, "but we are getting very tired."

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Lineup of tanks newest obstacle

SAINT JOHN. N.B. (CP) -Tanks provided the main obsta-cles for drivers in the cross-now," said MacLennan, the Canada rally Thursday as the rally winner in 1966. He added,

Camp Gagetown, a Canadian difference between winning and forces base, for a speed test.

The first car over the course, a rambler American driven by early Thursday morning, one Paul MacLennan of Toronto, driver was left behind. Paddy whipped around a curve and was confronted by a line of fied 90 minutes before he was tanks approaching him head-on.

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Meanwhile, MacLennan told the starter to hold the rest of made a few acid comments the cars up until the course had about rallying in Canada and been cleared. The tanks then were lined up at the finish line and their drivers formed a cheering section for drivers.

Scott Harvey and his navigator Ralph Bechman, both of Detroit, Mich., remained as rally leaders with eight points-one lost on the first day of the rally and seven on the second day when their car couldn't get by cows which blocked the road.

The rally ends in Halifax today and Harvey now is strongly favored to finish first, even by MacLennan his closest competitor.

"He is a great driver and I top positions were unchanged.
On. the way here from strange sport and a malfunc-sherbrooke, the rally went into losing.

> When the cars left Sherbrooke Hopkirk of Ireland was disqualidue to leave for today's run. Rally organizers said his car

The Mini-Cooper, in which The second car, another Ram- Hopkirk held 10th place, had an extra radiator fitted to its front bumper, apparently in contravention of the rules.

Hopkirk was annoyed that he was thrown out of the race. He left for home immediately.