

# Robbins takes A-Production championship

Troy's Marshall Robbins guided his crippled Corvette to a 1.6-second victory over Louis D'Amico of the New York Sunday to become the United States A-Production cham-

Champion at Road Atlanta raceway in Gainesville, Ga. The victory came despite the fact that the Robbins car developed a transmission malfunction

early in the race which caused the veteran 32-year-old driver to complete most of the race without the use of third gear. "We were just elated to win un-

der those conditions. I punished that engine. Because of the problem with third gear, I wound it up much higher than I should have," Robbins said Monday.

Robbins averaged 96.01 miles per hour in taking the Sports Car Club of America championship.

A day earlier, Robbins had finished two seconds behind Joe Chamberlain of Portland, Ore. In that race, Robbins used his A-Sedan Mustang.

"The car really didn't run right throughout the race. We just didn't have the time to prepare both cars properly. To be honest, we were surprised that we did as well as we did in the A-Sedan," Robbins said.

In the A-Production race, an 18 lap affair, Robbins took a commanding three second lead after eight laps. It was then that the transmission problems set in.

"I began to give me problems around lap 10 and eventually we just lost third gear altogether. The second place car closed the gap quickly and then I had to punish the engine for a lap to get a decent lead back. Then I would take it easy and he would catch up again," Robbins said.

In the end, Robbins and his engine had enough to take the narrow victory.

"I honestly was dubious that the engine could withstand the treatment. It's awfully tough to run without third gear," he said. The victory marks a high point

in the four year racing career of Robbins.

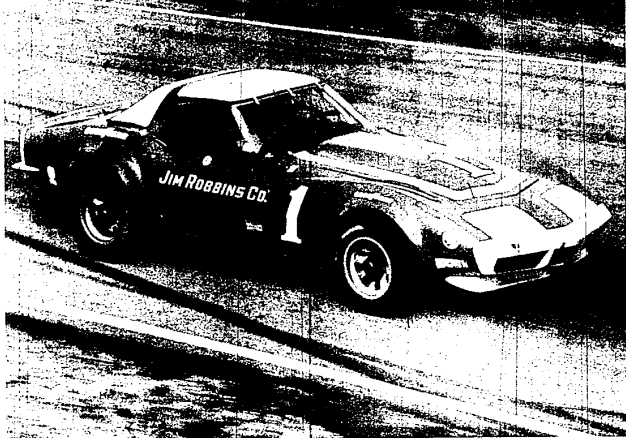
"There's no question about it. This was the biggest win of my career. We attained a goal that we had been shooting at for a long time," he said.

And because of that attainment, Robbins said after the race that he was contemplating retirement.

Although he would not make a definite statement, Robbins hinted that the A-Production race might have been his last.

"I just might take some time off and play some golf. I accomplished what I intended and now I would like to devote some time to my family," Robbins said.

"But this is not definite. Right now we are just really elated with this victory," he said.



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Bo Rhudy, a former member of the University of New Mexico swim team, is the coach of the Birmingham Y-Aquatic team.

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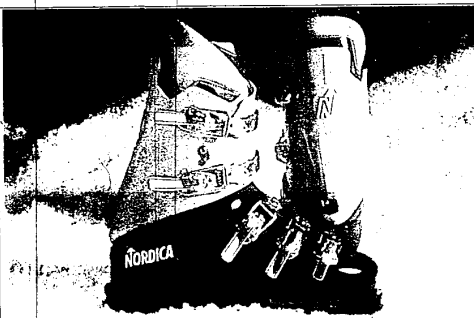
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