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One of those really nice people is adult Scott Truman of Southfield who accompanied the youngsters as a volunteer helper. Truman said he also enjoyed the cars and drivers, but the youngsters were his favorites.

"They've got a lot of guts," he said, referring to the fact that many of the youngsters had already undergone open heart surgery.

Jessica Herminett, a sophomore at Rochester High School, said she didn't know much about racing until she met Buhl and the other drivers through "Racing for Kids."

Now she's a fan, an ardent one at that.

Mansell and Fittipaldi had to be the pre-race favorites, said Jessica. "But we're pulling for Robbie. He needs a good showing to boost his confidence. Especially after what happened at

Indy."

Buhl, 27, had had luck at the Indianapolis 500 last month. He had two wrecks, suffered a mild concussion and had to withdraw from the race.

Buhl, who lives in Grosse Pointe Shores, had better luck in Detroit... but not much. He qualified, but crashed his Lola-Chevrolet A on the 18th turn and did not finish.

Bad luck seemed to haunt a number of drivers. Mansell and Fittipaldi also ran into trouble in the race eventually won by Danny Sullivan.

Jessica and other young fans needn't worry about Buhl losing confidence, according to friend and spokesman J. Patrick Wright. "He doesn't have time to get down. He's too busy getting ready for his next race."

That will be the Cleveland Grand Prix on July 11.

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Avid fan: Jessica Herminett, a sophomore at Rochester High School, worried that his recent bad luck may undercut the confidence of her favorite driver, Robbie Buhl.

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