

L&M Grand Prix

Press Bulletins - Saturday, April 24, 1971

1. The Stewards of the Meet today decided to shorten each of the two heats comprising the L&M Grand Prix to 38 laps because of fuel limitations. The heats will now be 96.5 miles each. Stewards met with drivers and team managers this morning and they all agreed that most of the cars would be unable to complete 40 laps with their fuel limitations.
2. Accident at turn one during Formula A practice session at approximately 11:30 a.m. Driver, Mel Andrus, 39, from Kearns, Utah. Car hit wall on right side of turn one and disintegrated. Andrus was taken to Riverside Community Hospital with head and chest injuries and died in surgery at approximately 12:15 p.m. There was no information as to why the car went out of control. A spectator, Ralph Baldwin age 24, from Pasadena, was hit in the back with debris from the wreck and suffered minor back injuries. He is in Riverside Community Hospital in good condition. Baldwin was taking pictures at the time of the accident and witnesses say the camera he was using was on a tripod and was also hit with debris, virtually disintegrating that equipment. Baldwin apparently saw the debris coming at him and turned his back just as it reached him. This bulletin is being released at 12:35 p.m. and we ask that you hold the information for a few minutes while next of kin is being notified. We will have more biographical information on Andrus shortly.
3. Here is some of the past records of driver Mel Andrus:

Began racing in 1954 in jalopies and early model stock cars in Salt Lake City area. He was the champion in 1958 and 1962. Between 1959 and 1969, he won 68 feature modified events and never finished worse than third in the seasons point standings. In 1970, he qualified 19th for the Continental at Riverside but did not start because of oil pressure problems. He finished 16th in the Edmonton Continental and 12th in the Sears Point Continental.
4. Ralph Baldwin, the spectator injured by flying debris from the Andrus wreck has been treated and released from Riverside Community Hospital with bruised hip.
5. We are still having trouble getting more biographical information on Andrus. His wife's name is Barbara and she was in Riverside when the accident occurred. She was notified of her husband's death by his pit crew and she is being treated for shock.
6. Ronnie Bucknum, the late entrant in Car #51, a Lola T-190 Chevy previously showing Arthur Hall as the driver. Bucknum drove the car during Friday's qualifying session and finished with the 15th fastest with a time of 1:25.05, and 107.513 miles per hour. Bucknum has elected to go with Friday's qualifying time.

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STARTING GRID

<u>POS.</u>	<u>CAR #</u>	<u>DRIVER & HOMETOWN</u>	<u>TYPE OF CAR</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>SPEED</u>
			<u>Row 1</u>		
1	10	David Hobbs, England	McLaren Chev	1:17.23	118.399
2	34	Sam Posey, Sharon, Conn	Surtees TS8 Chev	1:18.04	117.170
			<u>Row 2</u>		
3	3	Frank Matich, Australia	McLaren Repco	1:18.18	116.960
4	15	Lou Sell, Fullerton	Lola T-192 Chev	1:18.73	116.143
			<u>Row 3</u>		
5	6	Brett Lunger, Wilmington, Del	Lola T-192 Chev	1:19.14	115.542
6	77	Skip Barber, Carlisle, Mass	March 701	1:19.46	115.070
			<u>Row 4</u>		
7	41	Bud Morley, Denver, Colo.	Lola T-192 Chev	1:19.53	114.975
8	4	Ron Grable, Mountain View	Lola T-190 Chev	1:20.10	114.157
			<u>Row 5</u>		
9	11	Jim Dittmore, Palos Verdes	Lola T-190 Chev	1:20.51	113.575
10	63	Nick Dioguardi, Glendale	Surtees TS5B	1:21.18	112.638
			<u>Row 6</u>		
11	69	Bruce Eglinton, Alhambra	Lotus 70 Ford	1:21.24	112.555
12	57	Monte Sheldon, Portland, Org	Eagle Chevy	1:21.90	111.648
			<u>Row 7</u>		
13	17	Richard Negley, San Antonio	Lola T-192 Chev	1:22.21	111.227
14	56	Dennis Ott, Upland	McLaren MkB Chev	1:23.47	109.548
			<u>Row 8</u>		
15	94	Eppie Wietzes, Ontario, Can	McLaren M18 Chev	1:23.69	109.260
16	44	Merle Brennan, Reno	McLaren M10 Chev	1:24.22	108.572
			<u>Row 9</u>		
17	5	Gregg Young, Wilton, Conn	Surtees TS7	1:24.23	108.559
18	22	Rex Ramsey, Sherman Oaks	ASD Chevy	1:24.83	107.792
			<u>Row 10</u>		
19	51	Ronnie Bucknum, Capistrano Bch	Lola T-190 Chev	1:25.05	107.518
20	40	Ed Felter, Long Beach	Lola T-191 Chev	1:25.32	107.172
			<u>Row 11</u>		
21	37	Horst Kroll, Ontario, Can	Lola T-142 Chev	1:25.35	107.135
22	28	Gerard Raney, Redwood City	Eagle Chev	1:26.64	105.540
			<u>Row 12</u>		
23	26	Ozzie Pohl, Santa Ana	Surtees TS5 Chev	1:27.21	104.850
24	8	Eric Haga, Seattle, Wash.	Lola T-192 Chev	1:27.96	103.956
			<u>Row 13</u>		
25	12	Jack Eiteljorg, Englwood, Colo.	Eisert Chev	1:27.97	103.944
26	9	Spence Stoddard, Seattle, Wash.	Lola T-192 Chev	1:28.48	103.345
			<u>Row 14</u>		
27	35	Jon Ward, Saugus	Nova Mk1	1:28.68	103.112
28	36	Robert Fischetti, Redondo Bch	Surtees TS5	1:29.46	102.213
			<u>Row 15</u>		
29	13	Len Guneau, Hermosa Bch	Lola T-142 Chev	1:30.71	100.804
30	70	Barry Blackmore, Los Angeles	McLaren M10 Chev	1:30.91	100.582
			<u>Row 16</u>		
31	47	Don Inferrera, Oakland	Lola T-142 Chev	1:30.92	100.571
32	42	James Bandy, Grandview, Mo.	Surtees TS5 Chev	1:31.42	100.021
			<u>Row 17</u>		
33	97	Max Mizejewski, Huntington Bch	March 71BM	1:32.24	99.132
34	53	Chuck Fredrick, Albuquerque	McKee Chev	1:32.32	99.047
			<u>Row 18</u>		
35	78	Chuck Elliott, Playa del Rey	LeGrand M7	1:33.03	98.290

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Time of Race _____

Attendance _____

Average Speed _____

Winner _____

First Heat
Pos. 10 20 30 38

1	57	15	4	4
2	15	77	11	11
3	34	34	69	69
4	77	4	5	3
5	4	11	35	5
6	11	3	44	35
7	35	69	28	44
8	44	35	3	28
9	69	44	9	9
10	5	5	42	94

Second Heat
Pos. 10 20 30 38

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Speed Record 101.462 103.940 106.041 107.265

Speed Record _____

Car #	Cars Out of Race Driver & Reason	Laps Comp.	Caution Laps		Total
			Lap #	Reason	
42	Bandy Dns @7	0			
13	GUNEAU DNS	0			
51	BUCKNUM DNS	0			
10	HOBBS, SPUN PACE LAP @7	0			
70	Blackmore Lost Wheel @1 Spun	0			
17	Negley, Spun 2	2			
78	Elliott, Spun 6	1			
41	Morley, wreck 6				
57	Sheldon wreck 5				
42	Bandy Engine				
77	Barber wreck @7				
15	Jill wreck @7				
26	Pohl wreck @7				