

# Schmidt twelfth at Shannonville

Gunter Schmidt took his Volkswagen Sirrocco to Shannonville Saturday, the first Sirrocco to

compete in road racing in Canada. Racing against 24 other com-

petitors Schmidt came in 12th position, mainly because all the racing vehicles involved were

open and closed wheel cars. Schmidt's car is closed wheel and racing against formula atlantic, formula V and formula ford cars which are open wheeled cars that closely resemble Indy 500 cars in looks and design. These cars are light and can therefore attain speeds over 130 miles an hour. This variety of cars proved tough competition for Gunter. "The open wheel cars are too low to see when they're beside you if you are in a closed wheel car and this can be dangerous," pointed out Mr. Schmidt.

Schmidt received a sixth position start that is determined by clocking the car in a practice run. The track involved six right turns and two left turns and a complete

circuit (1 lap) is 1.4 miles. The winner of the race received a cup.

Receiving a novice league presently, Schmidt hopes to become a regional driver which will permit him to participate in Ontario and National races as a professional driver.

The only modification Schmidt's Sirrocco has is the body of the car, wheels, and a weight distribution that balances and keeps the car stable in tight corners. The Sirrocco has 79 hp stock engine that has not been modified, it is classed as a GT-2 engine which ranges from a 1300 to 2500 cubic centimeter. Cars in this range involve Datsun 510s, MGBs, BMWs, etc. Schmidt later on is considering modifying his

engine. The fifth All Ontario Championship slalom races were held in Woodstock, Sunday, where Schmidt also competed. Gunter placed second with a time of 43.196 on the 0.8 mile long track but lost two seconds unfortunately when he hit a pylon which put Noel Montgomery in the lead with his time of 42.5 seconds.

In the overall standings Schmidt is still in first place but Montgomery is only one to two seconds behind and Schmidt must win the next race to stay in the lead.

Every championship is worth 100 points and there

are ten races throughout the year and the seven best races are picked per driver and the driver who has the most points wins. The competition is fierce because tenths of seconds are involved in determining a winner.

On July 9 it will be National Canadian Slalom Day in Bramalea. This slalom event will take place all over Canada and the driver with the best time will be the winner.

The next All Ontario Slalom races will continue July 16 in Toronto.



In the lead

Midland Secondary School hosted the Area 3 Elementary School Track and Field Championships last week. Rick

Moreau runner in the lead from Victoria Harbour wins the second relay heat in the boys division. Staff photo

## Bulls win handily over York Yeomen

Midland Bulls rugby club took an easy win Saturday after York Yeomen found they were unable to muster a complete side and forfeited the scheduled Toronto Rugby Union game.

Bulls' player Rick

Leroux said the club was informed Friday night that several of the university's players were ill and the team wouldn't be able to make it here to play.

"It was really disappointing," Leroux said. "We have a lot of young,

enthusiastic players who were really looking forward to the game."

Bulls' next match isn't until August 12, but Leroux said the club is trying to set up an exhibition game against Barrie within a couple of weeks.

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