

A Perfect Day For Chenoweth

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It might have rained and been generally miserable in Dayton and the Miami Valley Sunday, but in Madison, Ind., the day was "just perfect" for Dean Chenoweth.

"Simply beautiful," Chenoweth said of the overcast day during which he picked up his first-ever overall victory on the unlimited hydroplane circuit, the Indiana Governor's Cup run on the Ohio.

"YOU KNOW," the Xenia auto dealer said late Sunday evening, "that we'd been having all sorts of minor problems. That we'd went into the finals in first or tied for first each time this season, only to finish second or third.

"Well, this time everything fell into place . . . our bad luck turned into good luck."

Piloting MYR's Special, Chenoweth, who moved into the unlimited field just last year, won his first heat race at Madison and then, admittedly, coasted in his second, taking second place.

"We knew we were in the finals," he explained. "We were tied with Miss Budweiser and Miss U.S. and we didn't want to hurt ourselves. So we were satisfied to take second and go into the finals with 700 points, like the others."

THEN THE 32-year-old Chenoweth, who finished second in the World Championship races in Detroit last week end to Miss U.S., went to work.

"She ran like a charm," the previously-unlucky driver said of his rig

"Now it's on to the West coast," Chenoweth commented, after padding his national points leadership. "We're half-way home," he said of his lead in the season-long statistics, almost as proud of that as he was of his first unlimited victory.



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Miss U.S., piloted by Chenoweth's friend Bill Muncey, finished second in Sunday's final and second in total points. Miss Budweiser's engine went out during the last 15-mile race and it did not finish the final heat.