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Harold Kutzche of Dayton drives Bold Venture high out of water through second turn in 145 hydros' second heat

# D'Eath rebounds with Hydrobowl win

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Until this year, Tom D'Eath of Fairhaven, Mich. was one of the top drivers on the unlimited hydroplane circuit, piloting Miss U.S. for the Simon Brothers of Detroit.

In fact, D'Eath captured the prestigious Gold Cup battle at Detroit last year, beating Bill Muncey and Atlas Van Lines in the winner-take-all final heat.

His future in the "thunderboats" should have been bright, but it hasn't turned out that way. He became a driver without a ride

when the Simons decided to pull out of the sport.

**SATURDAY**, D'Eath showed up at Hydrobowl and gunned The Don Juan to victory in the exciting 225 CI class, beating Cincinnati's Jim Kropfeld and Country Boy. Winning speed was 81.967 miles an hour over the three-lap, 1 2/3-mile course.

The same boats will duel again today, with action starting at 10 a.m.

**280 CI** — 1. Hire Voltage, driven by Stover Hire, Syracuse, Ind.; 2. Cents Less, driven by Torby Barker, Tonawanda, N.Y.; 3. Gone Bananas, driven by John Gochanour, Madison Heights, Mich. Winning Speed — 773.409 mph.

**145 CI** — 1. Tor Gre, driven by Gregory Barker, Grand Island, N.Y.; 2. Buckshot, driven by Tom Jeannette, Fairhaven Mich.; 3. Little

Mogul, driven by Ken Kreitzer, Dayton. Winning speed — 62.543 mph.  
**2.5 Litre** — 1. Coal Cal, driven by Tom Kropfeld, Cincinnati; 2. Flying Tiger, driven by Bruce Whitehead, Piqua; 3. The Little Litre, driven by Jerry Scheidt, Dayton. Winning speed — 73.068 m

**Super Stock and Ski** — 1. SS-3, driven by Rick Berthold, Fox River Grove, Ill.; 2. Goldigger, driven by Don Meldinger, LaGrange, Ill.; 3. Time And Money, driven by Robert Lodrick, Independence, Ohio. Winning speed — 76.792 mph.

**5 Litre and 7-litre** — 1. Uncle Norman's Lauterbach, driven by Terry Turner, Pomona, Calif.; 2. The Skeeter, driven by Joe Hartdgen, Chalmette, La.; 3. Hot Stuff, driven by Jerry Waldecker, Livonia, Mich. Winning speed — 84.338 mph.

**225 CI** — 1. The Don Juan, driven by Tom D'Eath, Fairhaven, Mich.; 2.

Country Boy, driven by Jim Kropfeld, Cincinnati; 3. Specialist, driven by Bob Dabrowski, Detroit. Winning speed — 81.967 mph.

**72 CI** — 1. Junkyard Dawg, driven by Sue Schulte, Watervliet, Mich.; 2. The Hastler, driven by Tom Love, Cincinnati; 3. Miss T, driven by Don Albrecht, Loveland, Ohio. Winning speed — 51.326 mph.

**850 CC** — 1. Ka-N-Ann II, driven Ann Deuschle, Ft