

# Butch and Tim the sundance kids

**T**IM Boles of Stanton took a sizeable scalp when he and his 1968 Chevrolet Camaro 'Butch' defeated South African legend Sarel van der Merwe on his home patch earlier this month.

Boles first got the better of the former Daytona winner in the International Sports Prototypes race at a beautiful new circuit named Zwartkops, very similar to Cadwell Park.

The circuit owner had built an enormous 7.5-litre Ford Galaxy as a tribute to the great South African driver Bobby Othloff and tempted Van der Merwe out of retirement to drive the car.

The latter is recognised as one of the greatest racing and rally drivers South Africa has ever seen.

'The races were great fun,' said 47-year-old Tim this week. 'Butch ran well after we had replaced wobbling heat-warped front discs and a grumpy wheel bearing.'

'We starred in the TransAm races, coming second overall, and had a good race in the 45-minute endurance where we were sixth overall, beaten by two others who did not stop for the obligatory three-minute driver change — so in effect we came third.'

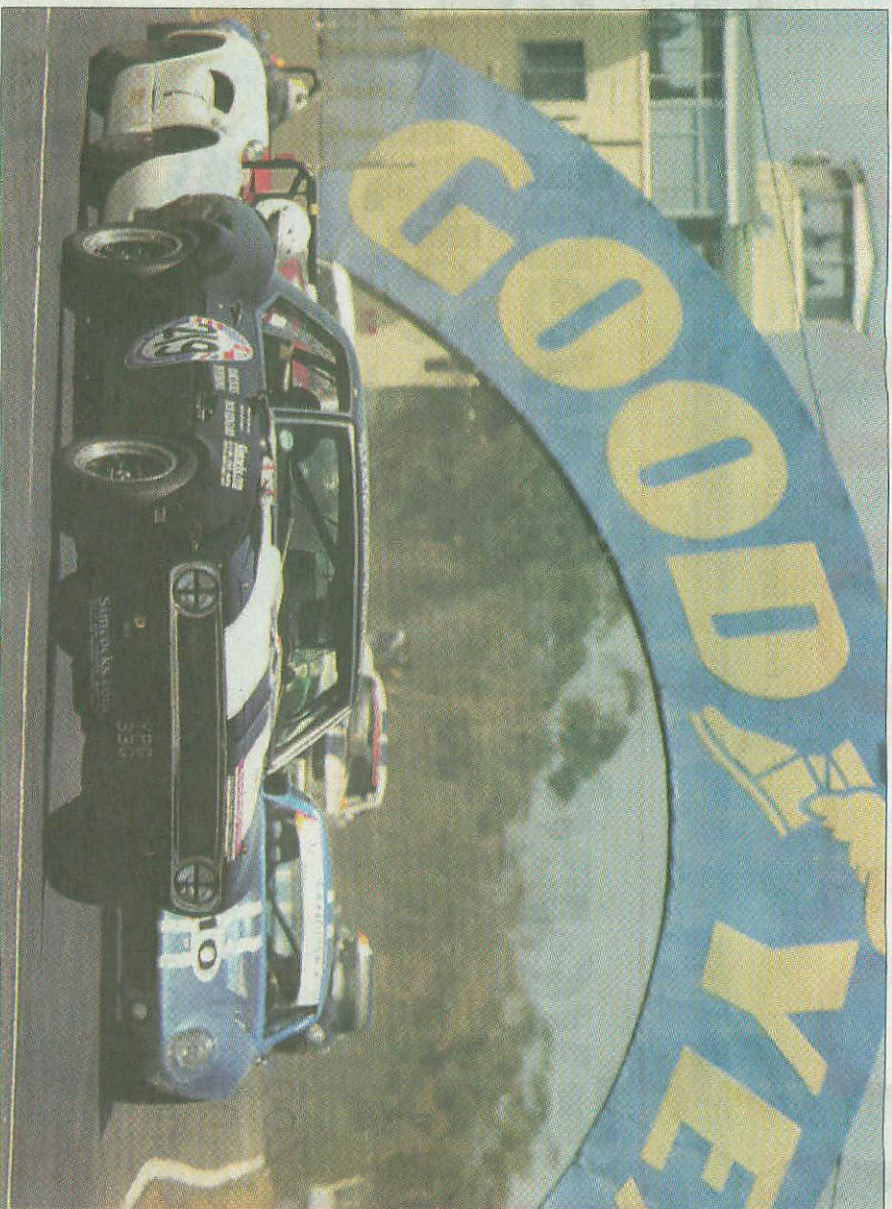
'The heavens opened for the last race and we were allowed to change tyres for wets at the forming up area. Unfortunately we only had time to change the rears and so Bob Ridgard, my co-driver, had to go out with wets on the rear and slicks on the front!'

The following weekend Tim raced in front of a 40,000 crowd at Killarney, Cape Town where after a lowly qualifying session he made up 10 places in the pre-68 classic and Sportscar event.

The main race was the headline TransAm event in which he and Butch were up against local aces van der Merwe and Ben Morganwood, the latter in a Mustang.

'We certainly had a dice with no more than a cigarette packet between the three of us for the whole of the first race. Sadly I couldn't quite get the better of the Mustang and finished a close second at the line,' continued Tim.

'The second race was equally close in the



**STARSKY AND BUTCH:** Tim Boles leads the pack in his Chevy Camaro in South Africa a couple of weeks ago

early stages, but I got clear of Sarel earlier and headed after Morganwood's Mustang. It was quite clear that my Camaro had the legs on both cars at the end of the straights, but sadly not the brakes.

I actually overtook the Mustang for the lead at the back straight coming up to the banked turn, only to find Ben powering

past me under brakes.

'I shall cherish very happy memories of some really close racing in South Africa and the time when I beat the local ace!'

■ The Singer & Friedlander Manx Classic takes place between April 20 and 23. The revived meeting will incorporate speed

events on parts of the Snaefell Mountain circuit. Details can be found at [www.manxmotoring.com](http://www.manxmotoring.com)

Well over 55 entries have been received including two from drivers of AC Cobras, which should provide 'Butch' with some competition in the large V8-engine genre Manx Classic classes.