

Driver Hurt In Accident At Daytona

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Ross McCain, a 28-year-old race car driver from Atlanta, was injured Friday when the engine on his roadster exploded during a practice lap. The open-top car flipped over three times and skidded 300 feet upside down at the Daytona Speedway.

A spectator leaped a fence and pulled McCain from the 1960 Lister roadster. The car did not burn.

"He was unconscious when I reached him," said the rescuer, Kenneth Erb of Miami. "But he didn't say anything. He was just moaning."

McCain, who won the Paul Whiteman trophy in 1961, was practicing for the 250-mile American Challenge Cup race Saturday when the accident happened.

McCain, a biochemist at Emory University, was first listed in very poor condition at the speedway's infirmary but at Halifax Hospital later doctors listed him as satisfactory.

He suffered internal injuries, a crushed right arm and face and back burns. Doctors said he will undergo arm surgery.

Gurney Heads Challenge Cup Race Field

DAYTONA BEACH (AP)—A Ford-powered Lotus driven by Dan Gurney of Costa Mesa, Calif. will head the field in Saturday's 250-mile American Challenge Cup race at the Daytona International Speedway.

Gurney turned in the best lap in the four hours of qualifying Friday afternoon when he was clocked in 113.163 miles per hour.

A. J. Foyt, the Indianapolis 500 veteran, was second with 112.799 clocking in Scarab Me-com.

Former Mexican champ, Pedro Rodriguez, in a Ferrari Pro-to No. 250 was third best qualifier, turning the 3.81 mile course at an average speed of 105.679 m.p.h.

The qualifying was marred by a serious accident involving James R. McCain of Atlanta. McCain's Chevrolet-powered Lister flipped in the backstretch and he was trapped in the wreckage.

Although listed in satisfactory condition at the Halifax District Hospital, Dr. A. Monaco said there was a possibility McCain would lose two or three fingers and possibly his hand. Surgery was delayed indefinitely because McCain was in shock.

Drivers qualifying Friday also were trying to earn a spot in Sunday's 2,000-kilometer Daytona Continental grand touring road race.

