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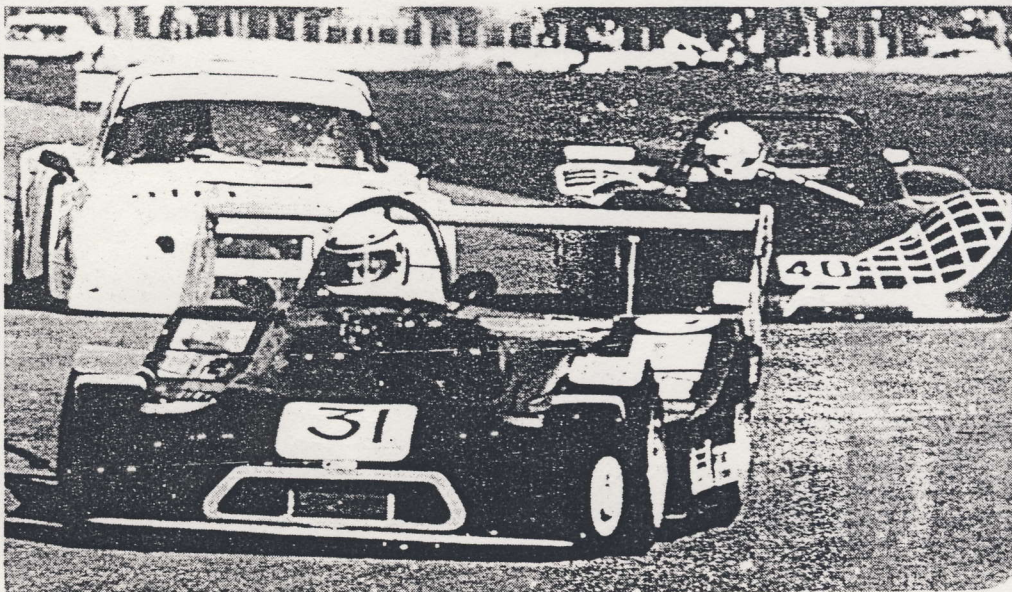
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LEIGH racing driver Melvyn Coon (no 31) had every reason to celebrate after his latest success.

He travelled to Wales to compete in the Welsh Racing Drivers Association Open Championship and drove superbly to clinch the runners-up spot at the Pembrey cir-

cuit.

Coon competed in a Mallock with a two litre Ford Cosworth engine and used all the tactical skill he has accumulated over nearly 30 years of racing to hold off early pressure.

He subsequently drew away from the rest of the

field to finish a comfortable second behind race winner Ron Cummings.

Coon, who works as a college lecturer, has enjoyed one of his most successful seasons to date as he also recently clinched victory in his class at the Castle Combe Championship.

No Dutch tre for ace Gulli

FORMER Dutch captain Ruud Geurts has a fresh lease of life with Sampdoria, but has not earned a place in the country's World Cup squad.

The 31-year-old veteran, instead of being a bright start to the season, has been overlooked by Dutch coach Guus Huisman for the showdown with the Netherlands in Rotterdam next Wednesday.

The pair have not always seen eye to eye on international selection and Geurts said he will only play for Holland if he can reach next year's World Cup final in the United States and Johan Cruyff as coach.

The Dutch squad reflects the change in the domestic season made by Ad van der Grinten and Feyenoord, both unbeaten in eight games.

Holland and England are battling for a second qualifying spot in group B, while Norway, who have a three-point lead, and the top trio each have two games left.

Dutch squad:

Goalkeepers - Theo Snelders, Ed de Goey.
Defenders - John de Wolf, Ulrich van Gool, Koeman, Frank de Boer.
Midfielders - Ronald de Boer, Wim Jonk, Erwin Koeman, Aron Winter, Frank Rijkaard.
Forwards - Marc Overmars, Dennis Bergkamp, Roy, John Bosman, Hans Gilhaus.