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onstrated his continuing superiority of the class, finishing in 22:25.45. Mexican nationals Miguel Rosales (#572), "Tito" Arambula (#576), and foxy Mario Reynoso (#551) placed second and third.

In the Class 7S there were six starters and only one finished. Bob Graham, and Mike Horner, teamed to take the win in a Toyota Tacoma in 27:39:58 (29.21 mph). Ted Moncure. Bob Land and Johnny Unser took six hours to get to Jamau and went home. Tyler Henn (#723) and Gabriel Manjarrez (#723) reached the silt beds, but went no further, other than down.

In the modified open trucks, two started and Dan Fresh (#740) was the only finisher in a Jeep Comanche. None of the three McNeil trucks in Classes "7" or in "7SX" (Perry, Jr.) finished. Very unusual! No Baja race is a race without a McNeil in the winner's circle.

Eric Fisher and Isaac Chapluk - "Bronco's Steak House" never faltered as they swing-axled Garibay Challenger #900's way to the win before noon, Saturday. Archrival Arturo Velasco was two-and-a-half hours back. The other two cars were DNFs.

In other classes Chad Hall and Josh Hall teamed to win Stock Full in a Hummer, finishing ahead of Marc Stein and Mike McComas in a Ford Expedition. Rod Hall

and Mike Winkel ran third, and Noah and Matt Pike were fourth and the final finishers in another Expedition. The Sporty Truck ranks had only one finisher out of four: "Dour" Doug Granger and Richard Czerlau, #1501, from Dorchester, Ontario, Canada, ay? In Class 3 the Moss Brothers in their later-model Bronco kept moving and took the win over the Beals - a "1000" surprise, I would offer. They have a good finishing record: not fast, certainly not smooth, but there.

There were two starters in the Stock Mini division and neither truck finisher. Class 11 had four starters and none of the beetles finished.

HOOLIGANISM, VANDALS

Ronny Wilson had a gallon of gas thrown at him. It hit him so hard in the face that it broke his visor and he was covered in fuel. Ronny said that it was the first time he has seen people in the crowds holding signs that said: "No more Baja 1000."

Tom Willis at the finish line said, "We removed fifty feet of barbed wire from the Wilson '1' car early Saturday morning. Apparently it was thrown on them near the finish."

BJ Baldwin came in with Adam Wik injured, big rock thrown into cab, hit the front of Adam's helmet and chest, chin cut, needed stitches, he was pretty worried about blood coming from ear, I looked him over, answering questions the way he was

suppose to, thought he might have broke an ear drum, sent to hospital in ambulance just for precaution.

Bekki reported: "Adam is doing great. He was in BJ Baldwin Trophy-Truck #97 going over Zoo Road when a Mexican spectator threw a rock in the front window and clobbered Adam in the chin/neck area. The impact pushed his jawbone into the ear canal, causing his ear to fill with blood. We did not know this and that is what scared us so. His chin was cut open from side to side, thirty stitches inside, one continuous outside, and a few under his bottom lip."

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery goes out to those injured in Mexico. We look forwards to seeing these racers back out on the course in the coming year. Score's 2004 season is already underway and its time for this writer to gather his note on the recent Laughlin Desert Challenge. See you out along the course or if not, in your mailbox next month.

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