

"VIA" UPSETS YALUNGA

HAMILTON, APRIL 11 — ALTHOUGH RESULTS COULD ALTER drastically after the investigation of a questionable "via", initial placings at the finish of the Yalunga Trial here this morning showed the Toyota Corolla of Corkrane and Maude winning on a loss of 32 points.

Second with 41 points lost were Colin Sichlau and David Mackenzie in a Fiat 125.

Coney/Vaux have been provisionally placed third with 54 points lost in their Escort, while equal are Baker and Richards in a Torana GTR.

Chris and Simon Brown were next with their Datsun 1600 on 55, while the McArthey/Geddes Datsun 1600 was sixth on 58.

Run in dry conditions there was less dust than was experienced on the recent George Derrick, a rally which used much the same country.

Tight, well surfaced roads featured during the first half, with the second half taking crews into pine forests and over good gravel south of Dartmoor.

Bad luck stopped series leaders Phillips and Runnals when their Datsun 1600, leading the rally

overall, collided with a kangaroo after control 20.

They were forced to retire.

Worse befell the Datsun 1000 Coup crew of Austin and Northrop which hit a tree head on, destroying the car completely.

Provisional winners Corkran and Maude were among the very few who found the questioned via, so if it should be deleted they could well lose their win.

POSTSCRIPT:

As was anticipated, an examination of the questioned "via" proved it to be placed 140 metres out of location.

This section has now been deleted, as has another where an information board was relocated by someone between the time the Director positioned it and thirty minutes later when the first car arrived!

PROVISIONAL RESULTS

1. Sichlau/Mackenzie, Fiat 125, 8.
2. Corkrane/Maude, Corolla, 9.
3. Bowden/Sharrock, Datsun 180b SSS, 20.
4. McArthey/Geddes, Datsun 1600, 22.
5. Coney/Vaux, Escort, 31.
6. White/Beaumont, Cortina, 34.