

SPEED FANS GATHER IN LARGE NUMBERS TO SEE PILOTS TUNE UP FAST MOTOR CHARIOTS

RACE MOUNTS SHOW BURNING PACE AT TRACK

Pilots Hurry Preparations for 500-Mile Classic Week From Monday.

GOSSIP OF SPEEDWAY

After working until a late hour last night, the drivers of some ten or twelve cars entered in the 500-mile race classic to be staged at the Indianapolis Motor speedway, May 31, announced themselves ready to begin their race today and to witness the performances.

The drivers have been rather slow in whipping their mounts into shape, but they are making headway by rapid strides and, hence, the speedway motor will be continuous between now and the day of the big event.

Balbot, Monroe, Frontenac, Peugeot, and others' teams are now ready to drop in behind Pacemaker Oldfield.

THOMAS JOINS MONROE OUTFIT.

Joe Thomas was named late yesterday to replace Tommy Milton as the fourth pilot of the Monroe team.

Although a youngster in the game, and popular in this section of the country, Thomas is considered one of the most daring drivers that ever stepped on the throttle around the Pacific.

He is a clever climber, the leader of fame by coping this race and nothing but a lot of bad luck is going to keep him in the rear.

"Howdy" Wilcox and Jules Goux are right their Peugeot mounts "secret" workouts and both are confident of cutting in for the big money.

The Monroes and Frontenacs were whirled around the track by Art Klein, Arthur Chevrolet, Joe Boyer and Roscoe Seales yesterday. They certainly can.

Louie Chevrolet started around the garages of the above mentioned cars, driving plenty of others and coaxing more speed and work out of everybody concerned with the outfit.

Ralph Mulford planted his feet on speedway soil yesterday afternoon and immediately called all hands on deck for a complete "shakedown and shootup" of his special mount. The car looks mighty classy.

DePalma wheeled off a few miles at a rate of speed somewhat faster than a forty yard trot. He came tearing down the stretch neck and neck with Art Chevrolet in his Frontenacs once and Seth Klein said "Here come daddy and son."

The speedway oval is the first race track Chassagnes has seen since the last Indianapolis race, but you can't tell all the turns with his weight on the gas pedal.

One popular driver said yesterday that the only difference between a race driver and any inmate of an insane asylum is that one is "out" and the other is "in."

If good Howard's Peugeot will travel as good as it looks it will do anything up to a few hundred miles per hour.

The drivers will have their mounts out as usual Sunday. Some of them need all the time available to get ready for the big classic.

F. A. Reiley, treasurer of the Duesenberg, Andrus and Motors Company, today received a wire from Fred S. Duesenberg, chief engineer and designer of the Duesenberg, racing cars, which are to run in the 500-mile speed classic that has been a goal in obtaining expert cars, and the car with which Milton established new records on the Florida beach and two of the racing cars were to be taken from the east until tomorrow, the other two racing cars following Monday.

Tickets for Carpenter Carnival Sell Rapidly

The box office men handling the ticket sale for the Elks' athletic festival featuring Georges Carpenter, at the state fair grounds coliseum, May 29, were given a red ribbon when the seat sales reached \$100,000.

There was a clamor for the ring-side and box seats. Practically all of the latter were disposed of early in the day, the ring-side seats were going by blocks.

The box office, which is located at 111 North Illinois street, will be open every day from now until the evening of the tenth.

Long One to Purdue

MAADISON, Wis., May 22.—Purdue defeated the Wisconsin Badgers in a twelve-inning game, 2 to 1.

Zaifer, pitching his first game, held the Boilmakers to one run until the twelfth, and struck out ten.

VASSAR ATHLETIC MEET.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., May 22.—The sophomore class won Vassar college's twenty-sixth annual field day, scoring forty-four points.

The Juniors were second with 384, the Freshmen third with 17½, and the seniors, last with 16.

One college record was broken, Rita Fugel of Upper Montclair, N. J., a sophomore, establishing a distance of 31 ½ in the hop, skip and jump.

AMATEURS

The Southern Grays will play the Spades A. C. Sunday on Rhonda park diamond No. 1 at 3 o'clock. The Grays took the competition Sunday against Merchants' Hest and Light team, but only after a stiff battle, the final score being 4 to 3. T. George, Gray pitcher, did the work for the Spades.

A meeting of the Commercial baseball league will be held in the city hall recreation department, May 24, at 8 p.m. The members of the teams in the league and umpires take notice. The service of a good umpire is desired. Any one wishing this position is requested to attend the meeting and see the secretary.

The Hectors have organized an independent club and would like to hear from the best teams in the state. Address: Will Smith, 136 E. Huron street.

Second Cup Independents will meet the Dardettes on Garfield diamond No. 3 Sunday and they expect to put over a good show. The following plan are requested to get in touch with Hochberg before Sunday: Sullivan, Sweeney, Ellis, Corrigan, Dilhoffer, Rice, Ely, Pierce, Harris, Flugler, Shaub and Limpus.

State teams wishing to book a good team are requested to address M. L. Akers, South Middle street.

John Rockford wants the world to get acquainted with the fact that the winner of the Merit-Tiger battle are going to have to jump off the Rupps before they start their north east and west side invasions.

Rich Kelly has assumed his job with the Tigers and signs with the Indianapolis Printers. He'll catch for that club in the national printers' series at St. Paul.

Clancy Shaefer has been checked on the sick list and will guard the third corner for the Printers from now on. Garfield park fans will have a chance to see in the real game Sunday at the South Side Turners clash with the Spades at that place. Buck New requests all Turners to attend the meeting.

The Indianapolis Reds and Julliettes will clash Sunday in what should result in one of the best games of the year.

The Porsvians Tribe desires games with the best independent clubs in the state. Address Frank Jones, 211 Hancock.

Brownshurst will be treated to a real scrap when the Belmonts step up against the Brownsburgs Sunday. Sloss, Mr. and Mrs. Solly Gold will form the Belmont battery.

Sler's Independents will clash with the Stutz Motors Sunday. All players are requested to report at Sler's drug store Sunday morning at 9 o'clock.

L. CHEVROLET IN MONROE

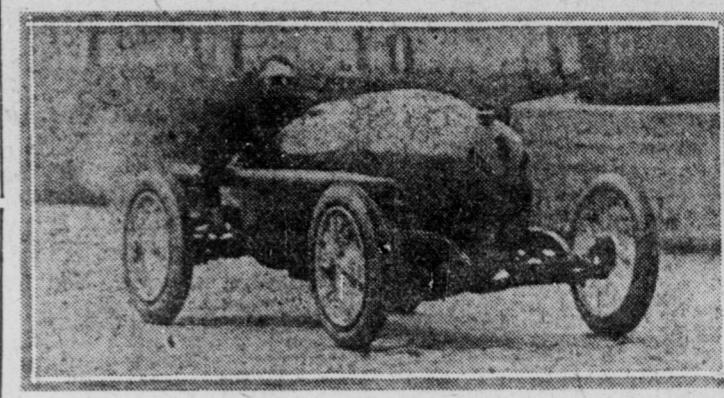


Photo by Lester Nagley, Times staff photographer.

Flying Rumors Have Mathewson Ready to Quit Game for Good

NEW YORK, May 22.—Christy Mathewson, who made history as "The Sir" of the Giants, who was the star member of the Cincinnati Reds to enter the army and generally supposed to be the next leader of the Giants, will write "finis" in his baseball career, according to reports.

The big pitcher, whose name is linked with some of the brightest chapters of this city ever witnessed, Chuck Wiggins, the "Hoosier Slasher," last night outpointed Battling Levinsky of New Bridgeport, Conn., claimant of the light-heavyweight championship, in a twelve-round bout.

Wiggins, stout of Milwaukee, called the affair a draw, basing his decision on the ground that Wiggins' victory was not sufficient to warrant taking the title away from the veteran ring master from the east.

CROWN OBJECTS TO DECISION

Stout's decision was received with dissatisfaction by the large crowd at Westwood park, because Levinsky hardly was entitled to even one round, while the Indianapolis youth won five, got a slight shade another and an even break in the remainder.

Levinsky failed with the Cincinnati Reds, but he has been given a chance to give him a chance with the team that has a major part in making famous.

When Johnny Evers, the fiery Trojan who signed up by the Giants as coach, was asked if he would be relieved to see Mathewson go, he said: "I

believe to the contrary, that Matty's status as assistant manager of the club would not be affected in the least by his departure."

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