

SPEED SPIRIT SPREADS AS DRIVERS BEGIN PUTTING FINAL TOUCHES ON 500-MILE MOUNTS

OTHER RACERS TUNE UP FOR OFFICIAL TEST

De Palma Gives 'Em Mark to Shoot at by Setting Average of 99.65.

EARLY CARS SPEEDY

First Cars Ready

HOW THEY QUALIFIED.

At Speed
4 Laps
(10 miles)
Driver and Car.
Art Klein, Frontenac..... 92.7
Ray Howard, Peugeot..... 84.8
John L. Griffith, Illinois..... 93.5
Louis Chevrolet, Monroe..... 96.3
Jean Chassagne, Ballot..... 93.5
Eddie Hearne, Duesenberg..... 88.0
Joe Boyer, Frontenac..... 86.9
Eddie Scott, Monroe..... 91.3
Gaston Chevrolet, Monroe..... 91.8
Ralph DePalma, Ballot..... 91.8
Fastest lap, by DePalma, 1:30.06

All drivers who have not yet qualified cars for the 500-mile automobile speed classic carded at the Indianapolis speedway next Monday, today were like a bunch of school kids taking that last peep at their books on examination day before the teacher orders everything but a piece of paper and pencil off the top of the desks.

To those drivers, all who are ready for the starter's flag, took the qualifying test with flying colors yesterday and today "tested pretty," while their less fortunate brethren spilled huge gobs of paint and effort to bring their mounts into shape for the second opportunity to qualify, which will be offered tomorrow afternoon.

FAST PRACTICE

SPINS CARDED.

The fact that there were no official time trials carded did not take any color out of today's program. The pilots who were not ready yesterday worked overtime to get their mounts in shape, before hitting the feather, most of them stated that they were ready to tear off a few practice miles this afternoon, then sit back and wait.

DePalma's classifying mark of 99.65 miles per hour has caused quite a bit of talk among drivers who have not yet qualified, and it was noted that many of them would try to "get over the mark" this afternoon in practice.

Willcox, Gouz and Ballot, the Peugeot pilots, were expected to have their cars in shape for a joy ride today, as they have stated that they will take their "team" tomorrow afternoon.

Then there were the Duesenbergs, Ralph Mulford's Special, Rene Thomas, Ballot, and Gregores, all booked for practice spins today. These are all "speed wizards" in every sense of the word and racing depended on them to offer real treat.

PHYSICAL EXAMS FOR THE PILOTS.

Dr. H. R. Allen was also carded for a workout today. His job was to see that the drivers, mechanics and relief drivers were physically fit for the tough grind ahead of them. The medical examinations were held in the press stand this afternoon.

Louis DePalma, who had been the happiest man in the world last night if he just had Arthur out of the Methodist hospital, where he is recovering from injuries received in a run-in with Rene Thomas, Sunday afternoon.

The big cause of Louie's joy was the fact that six members of his Monroe-Frontenac team, including himself, were reported for elimination trials yesterday afternoon and had no trouble getting across in fine style. The cars designed by Louis surprised the tall birds with their performances, finishing right up near the limit of yesterday's class.

KLEIN FIRST TO QUALIFY.

Art Klein, driving a Frontenac, was the first driver to qualify during the required four laps for an average of 92.7 miles per hour. Louis himself and Joe Boyer, a teammate turned in two of the best cards of the day.

DePalma, in his turn, got the best yesterday and he will get the pole in the big race, regardless of whether his time is bettered in later trials or not, as yesterday was official trial day.

Tommy Milton, in his sixteen cylinder Duesenberg cut for an exhibition spin yesterday and went around the track several times for an average of 105 miles per hour.

The world's fastest racer will be seen on the oval again Saturday. In the meantime it is on exhibition in the lobby of Keith's theater.

Arthur Chevalot's wrecked Monroe is being fixed for the fray by a squad of expert mechanics and probably will be ready for trial tomorrow.

None of the drivers who stood the test yesterday failed to win the o. k. mark.

Taking all facts into consideration, the little speedsters probably are going to make this year's race the most exciting in history.

Mayor Charles W. Jewett and W. F. Bradley, foreign representative of the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, were the speakers at the citizens' lap prize banquet to be held under the auspices of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce at the Elks' room of the Hotel Clapp, Tuesday, June 2, 6:30 p.m.

The subject of Mayor Jewett's address will be "The Citizens' Lap Prize," while Mr. Bradley will talk upon "Europe and the Indianapolis 500-Mile Race."

Reservations for the banquet are coming in rapidly, and it is believed that the card will be one of the largest ever sold in the city.

In addition to seats reserved for lap prize subscribers, a limited number of seats has been made available to members of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, the Hoosier Motor Club, Indianapolis Merchants Association, Indianapolis Auto Stock Exchange, Indianapolis Automobile Trade Association, the American Legion, and organizations which gave the citizens' lap prize their endorsement and were active in carrying the project through to a successful conclusion.

The fastest car in the world—the Duesenberg sixteen-cylinder job—will be driven in an exhibition by Tommy Milton, newly crowned speed king, at the speedway Saturday afternoon at 3:30.

Milton had the car on the track for a few whirs yesterday afternoon and the grandstand patrons were thrilled with

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STATE ATHLETES SET FOR GAMES

Notre Dame Favorite in Meet at Purdue.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., May 27.—If the athletes representing nine Hoosier colleges and universities in the state intercollegiate track and field meet on Stuart field, Purdue University, Saturday afternoon, fail to stage one of the hottest track scraps of the year, they will fall short of expectations.

Notre Dame, American Gymnastic Union, Butler, DePauw, Earlham, Indiana, Franklin, Purdue and Wabash are the institutions entered.

Coach Rockne has built up a wonderful track record this year, and he is dopo to win the meet, not, however, without trying hard.

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