

# Bowling Gossip, Winter Baseball News, Basket-Ball Scores, Boxing and Other Sports

## DE PALMA GETS ON ENTRY LIST FOR NEXT RACE

Speed Fans to See Favorite Performer at Wheel of Bal- lot Here in May.

## HOLDS TRACK RECORD

Ralph De Palma, international star and one of America's favorite race drivers, is the second to enter the ninth annual 500-mile international sweepstakes of the Indianapolis motor speedway, May 30. Eddie Hearne is the only one to precede Ralph in entering.

In filing his entry De Palma has not named the car he will drive, but it is generally believed that this will be a flat from the Indianapolis factory. De Palma has been driving the eight-light Indian speedster for two years and will start the championship season at Los Angeles, on Washington's birthday, at the wheel of the French car. He has also been selected by Earle Ballot to captain his team of four cars in the French Grand Prix July 4.

De Palma gained favor of the speed fans in 1912 by defeat rather than victory. The Italian-American drove a Mercedes, the best in the world, year after year, 495 miles, he showed that way to all the Americans and foreign cars and drivers, only to have victory slip from his grasp and the world's admiration go with the brick course to go. His "dago luck," as he chose to designate his misfortune, made him the favorite of almost every track fan.

Three years later he set a track record for the Indianapolis classic, after an hour and seven hours driving, with Eddie Rosta and the French Peugeot. This time De Palma again drove a Mercedes. While Ralph had perhaps five miles longer distance to travel, he beat out the rest of the field, won the race and attained the ambition of every race driver—a 500-mile victory. Unfortunately, no driver has ever won a race in the Indianapolis.

De Palma, in making his entry has advised T. E. Myer, general manager of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, to name the car he hopes to be the first to hang up five-century victories, although he is not egotistical enough to state that he is the only one who will do last year carried a total cash award of about \$100,000.

Ill luck last May was all that prevented De Palma from being the first to win a pair of Indianapolis races. The same was true in 1919, when he set the pace for the first and second, although De Palma had won countless races, the fans admire him more for his sportsmanship than his driving record. Who would have believed that he would stand not could not stand the strain of the speed test on the brick oval for another four minutes.

**TO GUARD THE GAME.**

CINCINNATI, Feb. 5.—King George is about to transfer his racing stable to the Prince of Wales, who is principal rider for Jockey McCormick, an American, who came to England in 1920.

McCormick's appointment as the premier jockey for the third will be with the Prince of Wales over American jockeys on the English turf. The general charge has been made against them that they cannot be trusted to ride straight,

and the Prince of Wales has been regarded as an "outsider" in the race between twenty-two entries for the job.

**PICTURES PLAN DEAL.**

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 5.—A deal designed to bring a second baseman to the Pittsburgh National League Base Ball Club was signed yesterday by the team leaders.

Bill Hendricks, manager of the Pirates, and George Gibson of the Auditeditorium Hotel, the books of organized baseball were turned over to him.

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The change in the starting date for the Indians to pack and depart was made last night at the return of the Indians from their winter vacation in the South. Some who were from the rice fields of the South all popped up over the fine training facilities at Crowley.

According to Smith the Crowley Chamber of Commerce is spending a large sum preparing the ball diamond for the coming of the Hoosiers. The whole town is being kept interested in the project by the addition of the Indians to the exhibition games between the Indians and big leaguers will be well attended. Every resident of the place is on some kind of committee, according to Smith, which means that the ball players will be well taken care of.

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