

PILOTS BEGIN SPEED BATTLES IN TIME TRIALS SATURDAY

TALKING IT OVER

BY JOE WILLIAMS

NEW YORK. May 21.—That Schmeling-Strubing fight out in Cleveland is likely to do all right, at that. Some of the boys have been saying that it wouldn't draw fireflies. But they may be wrong.

I dropped around to see Bill Carey before he caught a rattler for the Ohio metropolis, and the Madison Square Garden man showed me some figures that were mildly surprising.

Already there is \$154,000 worth of orders in the Cleveland box office. And he expects figures to go higher. "There's no telling what the fight will draw," Carey says. "The people out in Cleveland, opening their new municipal stadium with the show are saying it will exceed a million. But I doubt it. These are about \$1 million dollar fight days. It may be \$750,000.00. But I think it's about \$1 million. So I'm saving about \$600,000."

You can write that down as a lot of money, too. Particularly for a Schmeling-Strubing fight. It just doesn't figure to draw any more than that, even with the added interest and civic appeal attendant upon the dedication of a new play ground.

Yes, sir, if the boys come out of Cleveland with \$600,000 they will be doing all right. That's whole lot more than they'd ever be able to drag off around here unless Evangeline Adams, the stars and Old Colonel Williams are cockeyed in their interesting calculations.

THIS early enthusiasm, reflected by the advance sales, is not hard to understand because Cleveland has never had a heavyweight championship and until Johnny Risko came up from the amateurs to develop into a pretty fair heavyweight, the town centered its interest wholly on the little fellows.

Kilbane had a lot to do with this. The old featherweight was the town's first champion, and as such was something of an idol. And if the promoters didn't have him in there stepping round against somebody the customers refused to get steamed up over. For a number of years thereafter the town was thoroughly Kilbane-conscious.

Another fighter ers followed and the town developed a bantamweight, Carl Tremaine, who looked to be the next. For a time he was a real crowd-buster, too, but he never got all the way to the top. I think the greatest fight I ever saw was that little fellow was the night Tremaine and Cannonball Martin fought in the public auditorium.

Martin was champion at the time. Neither of the kids was fully matured. They stood toe to toe and slugged it out at a terrific pace, and when the fight was over, they were completely exhausted. That fight took something out of both of them—they were never able to regain Martin they were never able to regain. Martin lost his championship a short time after that, and Tremaine started steadily to

fade.

Louis Meyer Appears Chief Pole Threat After 117-Mile-an-Hour Spin; Brisko Is Unhurt in Crash

Wild Bill Cummings, Local Star, Also Touted as Contender for First-Line Honors.

BY NORMAN E. ISAACS
The so-called "wise boy" at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway were talking Louis Meyer today.

Everything but the qualification trials, which start at 10 Saturday morning, has been forgotten at "Gasoline Alley" and the guessers already have given Meyer the pole position for the 500-mile gas and oil gallop Decoration day.

Louis, winner of the 1928 five-century grind, lapped the Speedway track Thursday afternoon at the fastest gait of the season—more than 117 miles an hour.

Meyer's time around the two-and-a-half-mile brick oval was 1:16.83—

the stop-watches—and the railbirds aren't sure whether he had it wide open or not.

Risko Hits Wall

Shortly after Louis put the six-cylinder Sampson Special to bed, Frank Brisko, who had been touring in his eight-cylinder front-drive all afternoon, cracked the wall and nearly ruined his machine. Neither Brisko, nor Freddie Winnie, who happened to be riding in the bus, were so much as scratched, but the car may not get the other.



Cummings Brisko

put about 300 miles on the thing today.

"It's an automobile," said Dave, and there are more than a few who listened.

The Cummings Diesel may surprise a lot of the scoffers and if the car finished in the first ten—and it should—it will have proved it has something more than economy to offer. The fuel for the whole race won't cost more than \$2.55 and there are going to be many, many pairs of eyes on that bus but the big American Grand Prix starts exactly at 10 o'clock (central standard time) on May 30.

The boys rushed onto the track in a flock when the wind died down late Thursday afternoon and there were almost a dozen cars on the course after 6 o'clock. It looked like race day to see 'em tearing down the front stretch, one after the other.

Shorten on Track

Ernie Trippett; Brisko, in his ill-fated wagon; Bob McDonough, in the S. C. Goldberg front-drive eight; Shorty Caution, in the six-cylinder Harry Miller Special; Deacon Litz, in the Hank Maley Duesenberg; Tony Gulett, in his Duesen Seal Fast Special; Paul Best, in the Empire Special rear-drive; Babe Stapp, in the Rigling & Henning Dueus, and a few others, all were out on the track at the same time.

The boys came up the back stretch, cutting it loose, when a knuckle on the left front wheel broke and the car nosed into the upper wall. It careened off, but cracked into the upper wall on the northwest curve again and came to rest on the lower wall, the left wheel torn off and the front axle in sorry shape.

Frank seemed to think it could be repaired in time to qualify next week, and he may do it, but the odds are against him. It is the car Dave Evans ran into sixth place last year and the same thing happened to Brisko Thursday happened to Dave in the race last year—only Dave somehow managed to run 200 miles with it.

Diesel Ready for Test

By the way, appeared at the track Thursday afternoon, calling hello's to the gang and talking Diesel. The oil-eater arrived in town from Columbus, Ind., later in the evening and Evans hopes to

Semi-Pro and Amateur Baseball Gossip

Feature game of Saturday's Indianapolis Amateur Baseball Association League this week will be between the Indianapolis Roberts Milk and K. of P. No. 410 miles. In other semi-operative leagues, Indianapolis Bell opposed Indianapolis, and Indiana Bell opposed Indiana. Indiana Bell No. 1 and El Lilly opposed Indianapolis, and Indiana No. 4. Four other leagues will be in action Saturday as follows:

SUNDAY SCHOOL NO. 1
Blaine Avenue vs. Memorial at Riverside. Grove vs. Thirty-first Baptist at Riverside.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NO. 2
University Heights vs. Garfield at Brookside 8.

CIRCLE CITY
Contemporary vs. Mayor Chapel at Riverdale 7.

Broadway vs. Bethany at Garfield 2.

CAPITOL CITY
Atkins vs. Invincible, Trojans at Garfield 3.

Modern Woodmen vs. State Highway at Power and Light vs. River Avenue at Riverdale 1.

Cooperative League standings follow:

Team Won Lost Pct.
El. Lilly 2 0 1.000
K. of P. No. 410 1 1 .500
Crescent Paper 2 0 1.000
Indiana Bell 0 2 .000

Krogers will play Woodside at Rhodes No. 2 Sunday at 3 p. m. For games with Kroger nine call C.R. 2779-4 after 6 p. m.

Indianapolis Bulldogs will play Mars Hill Sunday at 3 p. m. Mars Hill E. Swain and McCollum probably will form the Bulldog starting battery.

Billy Grimes Red Wings will meet Fayette Regulars at Fayette Sunday.

In other semi-operative leagues this year and a close battle is expected. For example, the Duesenberg, 2, vs. the "D" 1.

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