Accidents Help to Train Auto Racers

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"Accidents, instead of taking the nerve of racing drivers, are rather the test fires which prove their true mettle," says Joe Matson, the amous pilot of Chalmers The really great drivers of racing cars. today are the men who have been through the worst kinds of accidents. This is not merely a theory of mine; I can back it by actual instances. And if my personal experience counts, I can back my argument

with that too. "Take Joe Tracey, for example. He's always good for a speed record of some kind and he has been battered in scores of accidents. And Herb Lytle, who will drive an American at Indianapolis that year; he is just as nervy today as he giver was, and that after having his skull almost crushed. Lee Lorimer has been in some of the nastiest mixups imaginable, and he is one of the gamest boys who ever piloted a Chalmers car. Ralph De Palma has been in some terrible smashes. Chevrolet has been through the mill. Hemery, Burman, Robertson, Fournier and Grant are a few others who have ast Hemery, flirted with death, as the magazines say, and still have the nerve which makes great racing drivers. I have been bat-tered so that my best friend wouldn't know me; in fact, I was more dead than alive after my spill at Minneapolis, but I have just as much confidence now as I

ever had. "I tell you, the real driver of racing cars accepts accidents as a part of the game. They are risks which every man must take; being a leading character in a few doesn't take a man's nerve, it only adds to his knowledge of his profession. The fellows who lose their nerve after a serious accidents do not last long at the game. Success leaves them and they soon get into some other line."

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