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# SPEED KING SETS NEW TRACK MARK

## Burman Runs Four Laps at Aver- age of 91.5 Miles an Hour.

### TIME TRIALS ON TOMORROW

## Officials of Speedway Declare Eliminations Will Not Be Run Today.

BY A. S. BLAKELY.

Race fans who departed from the Speedway before 5 o'clock last night missed the greatest exhibition of speed ever seen on the local track, for Bob Burman, speed king, made four laps on the big brick course at an average speed of 91½ miles an hour. Although two faster laps have been unofficially recorded at the Speedway than his best lap yesterday, his speed for the ten miles has never been equaled and is regarded as a marvelous drive.

His four laps were timed by two watches. The first lap was the fastest, being negotiated in 1:38 4-5. The two following laps were in 1:39 flat, and the fourth attempt was made in 1:40. The fastest lap ever made on the Speedway was made by Lewis Strang in the Eye See car, a special speeder in 1910.

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Burman's accomplishment yesterday put him out in the foreground and gives him the edge on the others in the coming race. He has built speed cars innumerable and has won prizes and honors by the score, but he said last night that nothing in his career as a driver pleases him more than his showing yesterday.

#### SATISFIED WITH CAR.

"I am now thoroughly convinced that I have the best car on the track," he said. "I have thought so for some time, but now I know it. I was convinced that my car had the speed and for the last week I have been making changes which have increased the capabilities of the car. Every time I have made a change the car has become faster. I think the point has been reached where I need have no further worries about the machine.

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form shown. If no ill luck befalls, Bob Burman is the man who will have to be beaten before a winner will be decided. There is, however, the possibility that his car will not stand the terrific strain, but that can be counterbalanced in a great measure by his known ability in building speed cars.

#### OTHERS WORK AT 1:55.

The other drivers who appeared during the day made no attempt at speed, all being content to work out their cars around the 1.55 mark. None of the foreign pilots took to the track. The Peugeot, Mercedes and Mercedes-Knight speeders were kept in the garages throughout the day and their pilots busied themselves in overhauling them. The Peugeot cars seem to be having some difficulty in keeping the track. This condition is laid to the fact that they are not balanced right. The foreign monsters were made for the Brooklands track and the drivers at present are trying to balance them for the Speedway course. The Sunbeam has had no trouble in keeping to the course and today will start out with Guyot at the wheel for a 100-mile trip.

The drivers who were on the track yesterday were Burman, Bill Endicott, Louis Disbrow and Pennebaker. The latter had his Pennebaker special, which is a Stearns-Knight, doing some regular laps, but did not try to burn up the track. The Dusenberg cars, formerly known as the Masons, have arrived and will be at the track today. Burman also has announced his intention of working out both morning and afternoon.

Despite all announcements to the contrary there will be no time trials held at the track today. So much was announced from the Speedway office yesterday. In some manner the report was published that the time trials would start today, but tomorrow is the day set for the first elimination trials. Many of the cars are ready to go against the two-minute mark and Monday should be a busy day for the timers and officials.

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Carl G. Fisher will be at the track Thursday to practice the start with the various entries. He will lead the cars and act as their pacemaker for the first lap as he has done in the past. When the cars reach the tape the pacemaker will drop out and the real race will be on.

A message was received from Toledo, O., last night that the Overland Band would arrive in the city Friday morning. The band will be accompanied by about 250 dealers and branch managers of the Overland Company. It is said that the delegation from Toledo, coming on other special trains will reach the 1,500 mark. Special trains also will be run from New York, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Chicago, St. Louis, Louisville and Detroit. Motoring parties also will tour from Detroit and Chicago.

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