

DE PALMA QUILTS RACE WHEN TIRES BLOW OUT

OLDFIELD FINISHES ALONE AT
NEW ORLEANS.

OLD AUTO. RECORDS STAND

NEW ORLEANS, February 7.—After two full efforts the ten-mile controversy between Harry Oldfield and Ralph De Palma remains unsettled. They were matched in a special ten-mile race at the fair grounds yesterday afternoon. Oldfield driving his Fiat and De Palma his Fiat, but in the third mile De Palma blew out a tire and Oldfield headed home. A second effort was made under slightly different conditions. Oldfield drove his Knox car and was given twenty-eight seconds handicap over De Palma in his Fiat. The two agreed to make the ten miles under these conditions for a purse of \$250. De Palma was making a good showing when in the opening of the eighth mile the rear right wheel tire blew up. Oldfield again won the race, his time being 3:47. The best contest of the day was the ten-mile handicap event, in which Kerschner, De Palma and Oldfield contested for the prizes. Kerschner won, contesting the last three miles with Oldfield at close quarters.

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Five-Mile Race—Klaw & Erlanger trophy race for amateurs in stock chassis: Fred Shaw, Knox car (15 seconds), first; C. S. Bragg, Fiat (scratch), second; Jack Darcy, Stoddard-Dayton (4 seconds), third. Time—9:05.

Ten-Mile Race—Special world's championship: Oldfield, Benz, first; DePalma, Fiat, withdrew. Time—9:26.

Five-Mile Race—New Orleans championship: M. P. Irwin, Thomas car, won on forfeit for lack of starters.

Ten-Mile Race—Free-for-all: Kirschner, Darraco (15 second), first; Oldfield, Knox (32 seconds), second; DePalma, Fiat (scratch), third. Time—9:22.

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