

FISHER TESTS SPEEDWAY

SAYS DREAMS COME TRUE

BOOSTER OF WORLD'S GREATEST AUTO RACING COURSE DECLARES THAT PROGRESS ASSURES SUCCESS IN EXCESS OF HOPES.

Carl Fisher made the initial trip around the Indianapolis Motor Speedway yesterday afternoon in an automobile, afterward declaring that his fondest dreams are rapidly being realized.

The army of men and machines that has been converting the peaceful Hoosier farm site into fast racing grounds has worked wonders, as if by magic, during the last two months. The work of placing the outer course in final shape is well under way. A fifteen-ton steam roller now occupies the center of the stage. One of the high curves is packed and ready to receive its finish billiard table smoothness.

Although the entire course is near enough to completion to permit a machine to be driven on it, the embankments are so steep that it is dangerous to drive at slow rate. The final top surface will be finished by June 1.

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Twenty-five large bulletin boards have been erected on which will be placed directions, telling visitors the distances and other information. The outside of the track's embankments will be sown in grass. The entire grounds are now covered with a thick bed of clover, which blends with the white, fence, white buildings and green roofs. Thousands of small trees, which were planted early in the spring, are in bud.

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Aerodrome Holds Balloons.

The great aerodrome is well filled with the monster sky craft that are soon to make their flight over this city in an effort to determine who is the American champion for the season of 1909.

Systematic organization is being developed at the track, while the most perfect detail marks every thing that is being done.

The high banks that form the curves of the course are easily seen over the top of the high board fence that surrounds the grounds, and these banks go far to assure the spectator that high speed will be attained as soon as the track is in complete working order.

The banks gradually slope down to the long, grayish straightaways that stretch off into the distance finally to become the upper turn, which they round like a great smoky ribbon.

Promise Limitless Gait.

When the fast, high-powered cars whirl around these turns, with the great bursts of flame belching from their iron throats, it will not be necessary to hold them in reserve, as the track appears capable of maintaining the highest speed that it is possible for an automobile to attain.

The working camps on the ground quarter a colony of men, and with the first streaks of day they are at work preparing the course for the great future that is in store for it.

The public will be able to form a good conclusion of just what the speedway is by the time the balloon meet is held on June 5, when the greatest number of balloons that have ever been in a single contest start on their record flight.

MOTORCYCLIST'S FUNERAL

WILL TAKE PLACE TODAY

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FEATURING.

Butler smeared a good coat of wash on the Indiana University players in the dual tennis meet came to a close yesterday afternoon content to win merely the singles. Irvington men took the doubles, too. In the whole meet did not allow the university team to get a set. The score of the dual meet in points is Butler, 5; Indiana, 0.

The singles were completed yesterday morning, Rose winning from Bricker, Thomas defeating Parker. The Irvington players seemed to toy with the Indiana men in singles, and at no time did the crimson athletes have so much as a chance in. Thomas was impartial in his decision of Parker and Brickert, and played to the same scores, 6-0, 6-2. Thomas played both of his matches with the help of a bad foot, injured in a recent ball game.

Indiana expected to land some help in the doubles, but it was the same story, and the McKay-Rose combination proved too strong for Brickert and Parker by winning in straight sets. The success showing made by Butler in the dual with Indiana marks it as a strong competitor in the state tennis meet. The state meet will be held next week in Irvington.

The final scores of yesterday's meet follow: Singles—Thomas-Parker, 6-2; Rose-Brickert, 7-5, 6-3. Doubles—McKay-Rose versus Brickert-Parker, 7-5, 7-5. Final score—Butler, 5; Indiana, 0.

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