GREEN DRAGON RACES STOCK CARS



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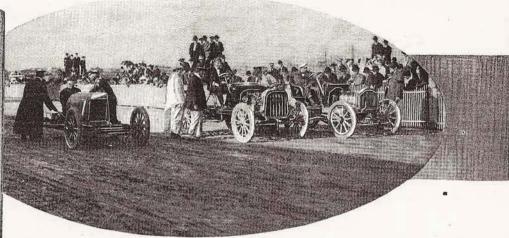
St. Louis, Mo., May 7—Rain on Thursday and Friday of last week, and not overmuch sun on Saturday were inauspicious for fast racing at Delmar track to-day; however, 7,000 trustful persons crowded the grand-stand and overflowed into the infield, where the motorists of the city were well represented by their cars. The track, except in a few rare spots, was sticky-muddy.

Promoter Moross, not content with the usual Green Dragon bills and the announcement of an "Oldfield-Kiser-Webb" triangular race, he kept a big gasoline bus-wagon racing up and down the principal business street for 3 days bearing the announcement of the coming event, and on Saturday afternoon having in tow the Green Dragon itself—perhaps because of the Missouri "Show Me" spirit.

Webb and Kiser had been summoned at the last minute, but they came without anything to drive. Webb stripped a Pope-Toledo, from the salesrooms of the Mississippi Valley Automobile Co., and the Halsey brothers gave Kiser a Packard to drive.

It was with these stripped stock cars that Barney Oldfield lined up today, after he had driven an impossible 3-mile exhibition on the soft track. The race was 3 miles, to be run in three heats.

Kiser in the Packard was given 30 seconds and Webb 15 seconds, while Oldfield was on scratch. As the men waited at the tape the interest of the crowd nearest the course increased to such an extent that about 200



START OF THE RACE OF OLDFIELD, WEBB AND KISER AT ST. LOUIS

people, including many small boys, leaped iron fences and other obstructions and flooded the track. The referee, in the absence of any other official to this end, couldn't see that it was his duty to keep people off the track. After a while, however, some of the officials did awaken and the track was cleared.

Amades Reyburn fired his gun, off went Kiser; then for Webb and again for Oldfield. Webb passed Kiser on the first lap; but Oldfield did not catch Webb until the second. Then he did not try to pass but hung on until the stretch, when he ran out into the heavier part of the track, where it was hard going. There was an exciting finish, in which Webb won by ½ second. His actual time was 4:41½.

In the same thrilling manner, to the unsuspecting spectator, two more heats were run off. Oldfield winning one and Kiser one. But the final was for blood. This heat was only 2 miles, contrary to A. A. A. rules. Webb won 11 3:06%, with Oldfield second.

The first event scheduled was a motorcycle race, but the entrants refused to start on account of the condition of the track, and a 3-mile race for St. Louis cars was called. Five single-cylinder cars showed up. The race was slow and uninteresting. It was won by Godsey.

Three Nationals made a more interesting 3-mile race. It was won by Charless, in 4:561/5.

A Packard, St. Louis, Pope-Toledo and White were entered in the 2-mile race for stock cars, which proved good sport. Harry Turner in the Pope-Toledo led the first lap by a good distance, but Leathers in the White steamer caught him on the stretch and won out in a close finish. The Packard was third. The time was 3:49%.

The 3-mile race for stripped stock cars was entered by Webb with a Pope-Toledo, Carr with a Packard and Leathers in a White. Webb finished half a mile ahead of the Packard, with the White still farther behind. The time was 4:35%.

Col. E. H. R. Green left his home in Tyrell, Tex., Friday morning to attend the meet. In response to a question he said to the Motor Age man:

"I want Wilkinson to drive the new Franklin in the Vanderbilt cup race, if he will." Later he spoke of the new 30-mile Galveston beach track, on which he said the Grey Wolf recently drove 100 miles at the rate of a mile a minute for the whole distance, though without official timing.

CANNES MOTOR BOAT RACES

Cannes, France, April 26-The C. G. V. boat yesterday won the first annual race for the Alexander Burton \$2,000 trophy presented to the Union of Yachtsmen of Cannes under the terms that it shall be won three times successively to become the property of the owner. The race was the principal event of a 4-day meet which started with races for cruisers. In the first, for boats up to 21 feet, Lilly, with a de Dion-Bouton motor, won, covering 16 miles in 2:03:37. Chantiers-d'Antibes I, with an Aster motor, won the second race, for boats from 21 to 26 feet, covering 24 miles in 2:35:10. Delahaye I won the race for boats not over 39 feet, covering 30 miles in 1:57:00.

It is estimated that from 5,000 to 6,000 people crowded the piers the next day when the mile flying start race was run. Chantiers-d'Antibes V was the fastest boat, going the distance in 3:03, which was 2 seconds faster than the C. G. & V.'s time. Delahaye I won the 40-mile race for craft from 26 to 39 feet, covering the distance in 1:4:50. Elise was second, while C. G. & V. gave up after a collision with a float. Lilly won the cruisers' race.

The third day was almost a repetition of the first, Lilly winning the race for cruisers up to 21 feet; Delahaye I winning that for boats from 26 to 39 feet, while Chantiers-d'Antibes II was the only starter in the event for

