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Nationals Enter First.

Four Nationals were the first cars entered in the races that are to open the big motor speedway next month. A. C. Newby, president of the National Automobile Company, has already named four of his cars in two contests. Two of them will compete for the Prest-O-Lite trophy, for cars of Class 2 from 301 to 450 cubic inches piston displacement, weighing over 2,100 pounds. The other two will race for the Wheeler-Schebler trophy for cars of piston displacement of six hundred cubic inches or less, and weighing not less than 2,400 pounds. Oldfield and Alken will probably drive the Nationals. Oldfield's Old Glory is eligible for one of the races.

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