

CARS GROOMED FOR HARD TRIALS TODAY

Experts Prepare Racing Machines
for Opening Events at the
Motor Speedway.

DRIVERS READY FOR CALL

Gasoline Knights Laugh at Dan-
ger and Turn Thoughts Toward
Victory in Speed Contests.

By P. P. Willis.

Infants were never tucked in bed with more care and attention than were the big motor race cars that were put in the Speedway garages last night by their anxious pilots.

Do speed automobiles need rest? Ask any one of the drivers who today will vie with the winds and he will regard the question as almost an insult. They love their pet speed creations and handle them with human tenderness. Big and ugly as the machines appear in action, as if they were rushing their occupants into the jaws of death, they are the object of the drivers' devotion.

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The element of danger is forgotten. It is now placed on the basis of man's skill, courage, endurance and the power and speed of the craft. Not one man gives a thought to the horrors of a possible sudden dash to death. All are oblivious to the chances of fatal wrecks. All are centered upon one goal—victory.

Drivers Inspect Cars.

When the last thundering car was checked in its mad practice flights—late yesterday evening and the dark, cool night cast its magic spell over the beautiful Speedway Park the pilots gathered in their individual garages to make a final inspection of their favorite steel steeds. Hands were placed on the warm throbbing sides of the hoods with a mother's tenderness, levers and cranks were turned or adjustments made with as much thought and painstaking as though they were tender and their feelings might be hurt.

These scenes back behind the Speedway curtain contrast oddly with the sight of the same men with the same cars on the track in fierce and determined competition.

Last night, in the dressing rooms where the actors in the drama of spark plugs, carburetors, magnetos, and motors were preparing, the drivers were cool and serious in their actions. Compared to the part these same men and cars will play today upon the stage of speed, where they will wear curious clothes and goggles covered with dirt and oil, where the machines will spit forth fire, smoke and deafening noise, it did not seem possible that they are the same humans. The drivers lose their gentle ways when in action. It seems the demon's power and the men become one. Steel and flesh seem to form one whirling object driven by superhuman force and indifferent to all save speed.

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BEN LOMOND, Cal., May 26.—James J. Jeffries was received today from San Francisco to join the training forces at James J. Jeffries to assist the former champion in shape with Jack Johnson.

Munroe is the Butte miner who defeated Jeffries in an exhibition match with the late champion at Butte, the Montana city, met Jack Johnson in San Francisco for the world's championship and was promptly knocked out in the second round. The letter in which Jeffries' volunteers was written in the name of the manager, home, on the Boulevard, Breton, Nova Scotia. Manager, acting for Jeffries, replied, expressing thanks, and acknowledging Munroe's assistance.

Leaves This Afternoon

Jeffries' morning jaunt was the extent of his toll of his work tomorrow morning, so he can leave Breton this afternoon train for San Francisco where he will give a boxing exhibition tomorrow night. Trainer Choyinski and Jack Jeffries will accompany him.

It is possible James J. Corbett will arrive in time to join Jeffries in San Francisco. Corbett will be with Jeffries when they return to camp.

“Now you'll see some fun and I start training.” Jeffries expressed his regard for Corbett in high regard.

JOHNSON TAKES

Takes Twelve-Mile Run in
company by Flanagan
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.

Jack Johnson is not a frightened man. He is not daunted with superstitions, as his class, was proved today with one of his helpers John Flanagan, who is rubbing room for him.

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AT BELMONT.

N. Y., May 26.—First 2-year-olds, \$400 added. course—Antenor, 108 d out, won; Colston, 10 to 5; Amalfi, 13 to 5, 2 1:01; Heclagon, Billy eagle also ran. Second, steeplechase, \$500 added, about 2½ miles—Grand- 5 and out, won; Jimmy t; time, 5:42; only two den fillies and geldings. ed, 4½ furlongs, straight (Shilling), 3 to 5 and ver, 6 to 1, 6 to 5 and 3 to 5 and out; time, 1 and Rory also ran. Portland Handicap, 3- ue \$1,000, 1 mile—King), 4 to 5, 1 to 5 and 6 to 5, 1 to 4 and out; to, 2 and out; time, n also ran. Fifth, 3- ed, 6 furlongs, main an, 118 (Dugan), 7 to t-ick, 6 to 1, even and and out; time, 1:14 1-5; th, selling, 3-year-olds, 11-16 miles—Bob R. to 5 and out, won; Sir 5 and out; Falcada, 6 to 10; time, 1:45; Sem- also ran.

AT OAKLAND.

May 26.—First race, 4½ huska, 112 (Post), 13 to 1; Blue Moon, 5 to 1; da, Mattie Woods, Hal ata Brana, Amargosa, ran. Second, 3½ fur- tite, 98 (Jahuren), 4 to 15 to 1; Rey El Rover,

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Pilots Await the Call.

The pilots and their trusty mechanics were hurried to bed last night by the various team managers. They needed all the rest and sleep possible for the trials of today. But did they sleep? Some said they would. Barney Oldfield, veteran, says it never worries him. With others, comparatively new in the game, it is different.

With the votaries of the sport, hundreds of whom last night gathered in eager groups in hotel lobbies and automobile shops and talked and speculated of the events, the races were raced and reraced many times last night.

One group of men did not let the fascination and the excitement of the pending battle divert their attention from cold facts. These were the men who have actual charge of the many details in connection with staging the motor-drama. They labored until late in the night at the Speedway office perfecting plans that will add comfort and pleasure to the thousands who are sure to surge for admission to the Speedway gates.

Trains during the entire night brought their cargoes of dyed-in-the-wool fans of the motor race course, who traveled as far as from Maine and California to be at the track's edge to see the blurred figures go crashing past. All night long the various highways leading from the ink-black spans of country all around the city were dotted with the headlights of big touring cars that were wending their way to the city's glare. These true-blood motorists drove here from surrounding cities—some from Louisville, Toledo, Chicago, Columbus and other places.

Such is the nervous strain on the eve of the deciding tests. But when the thousands are leaning far over the rail, eager and intent upon what their eyes translate for their excited brains, the men who will lay their lives and reputations at the altar of Speed will appear cool and calm.

When the doors of the garages swing open and the booming of the motor-musketry is started, when the rubber-shod creations give vent to their pent-up speed and dash upon the track to line up on the tape, all that brains, skill, hard work and money can do will have been done to make today's events the greatest ever seen—unless Mars enjoys auto races.

EASTERN LEAGUE.

MONTREAL—Toronto, 6-6-5; Montreal,

companied by Fran- SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., M

Jack Johnson is not a fighter dened with superstitions, as a his class, was proved today, with one of his helpers Johna ing the rubbing room for his when it was noticed that tacked over the doorway.

"Not superstitious, eh, Jack question thrown at him. "Not a bit," was the reply. boys around here object to the for they thought it might be I don't bother about it. I'm Jim Jeffries without any ra other kind of charm. I'll heat cause I am a better man than. It was as calm around the this afternoon as it was busy fore. He was on the road in as usual, grinding out twelve work in company with Tom George Cotton. Marty Cutler he has had quite a sufficiency work game. Cutler says it in feet are in poor shape, but "De authority for the announcement does not want any more runni

JOCKEY CLUB PLANS

Will Carry Out Calendar D bookmaking Law

NEW YORK, May 26.—The of the Brooklyn Jockey Club to racing calendar despite the pe anti-bookmaking bills at Alba pressed tonight by Philip J. dent of the club.

"Why should the race track the gates?" he asked. "The n to bookmaking and gambling. Club and the Racing Associat permitted any transactions of s since the Ives pool law was w

The State Court of Appeals, I out, has held that oral bookm issible, and, as only such tra allowed, the directors, he arg be held responsible for permit the new measure takes effect. the courts will be called on to "oral bookmaking" really mean

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MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., M 2,500 to 3,000 members of Bank, Woodmen of the World in this city for three days, be 15, for the annual encampn states, Indiana, Illinois and l represented.

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