

KNIGHTS READY FIVE-MILE RECORD CITY TOURNEY TAKES A TUMBLE

Bowlers Take Initial Whirl at
Bowling Tourney in Championship
Events Tomorrow.

Strang Negotiates Distance at
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Time of 3:17:70.

TOURNAMENT CONTINUES TEN DAYS

BREAKS ALL WORLD'S MARKS

Artists Hope to Better the
Records Established in Previ-
ous Contests.

Christie Beats His Own Ameri-
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The bowlers of the city are quietly awaiting the opening of the fourth annual tournament of the City Bowling Tourney like a silent army in its camp awaiting the break of dawn to the assault on a besieged citadel. At 8 o'clock tomorrow evening at the bowling alleys President A. E. Ingersoll will ring the starter's bell that will send the bowling balls whirling down the sixty feet of maple to crash into as many sets and the bowlers of the city will follow their way either to make new records or allow their former meets to stand. The bowlers of the city will see their captain start his ball toward the head pin and hold their breath in expectancy of a strike and dreading to see it set up by their pacemaker. At 8 o'clock a squad of six two-man teams will appear and after nervously awaiting the opening of their balls will go forth in quest of honors of the meet, each confident that he will set new records for the tournament.

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The glorious 1909 motor car racing season came to a close and passed into history yesterday afternoon at the Speedway, where almost one minute was clipped off the world's record for five miles.

Strang in his Fiat made five miles yesterday in 3:17.70, lowering the former world's record of 4:11.8 that was made last summer at the Speedway by Oldfield in his big Benz car.

Christie lowered his American record for one-quarter of a mile, making the distance in his Christie car yesterday in :08.37, as against his time of :08.78 made Friday. Strang followed him up in short order, and took that plume out of his cap by making the same distance in :08.05.

Strang also established a new Indianapolis Motor Speedway mile mark by going the distance yesterday in :38.21, as against his time of :40.61 made Friday.

Motsinger in his little Empire car made a trial mile test and lowered his mile record made Friday. He made the distance yesterday in 1:17.03. His time Friday was 1:20.46. No other cars were entered yesterday because of the extreme cold.

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The administration of the tourney will be in the hands of the finance and advertising committee, as follows: W. J. Chairman; John Wycott, and B. O. Secretary; and the executive officers of the association. E. P. Kryter has been named as official umpire and the scoring will be an improvement on former

meets will be of ten days' duration, with the first two days laying out for Christmas and the two days following, and the meet will be brought to a close at 3:30 p. m. New Year's day. During the meet the bowlers will batter up and bang over forty sets of new maple

bowling, in view of the fact that the number of bowlers in the five-man events is not as in former meets, the first four sets of bowling will not start as early as in former meets and will be brought to a close at 3:30 p. m. New Year's day. The prize list of \$463 of last year was what greater than is offered to the bowlers this season, but the money is not evenly distributed. The five-man bowlers this time will shoot for \$135, while last year they had \$175 up, but nine more bowlers were entered. The two-man bowlers this year are fourteen in number and will shoot at \$141, against a sum of \$166 in last year's prize list. The individuals bowlers this season will have \$114 to contend for, while last year their efforts were rewarded with \$107. The individuals bowlers will have a chance at the high-score of \$5, the same amount as last year, but the prize committee has seen fit to reward the men who have rolled in the past with \$30 to the high average men for nine games and a single prize of \$10 offered at the meet.

Indianapolis League Leads.

The Indianapolis League excels in the number of teams entered in the meet. To its credit, the Commercial League stands second with seven teams and the Independent League with six teams to represent it. The Manufacturers' League will be represented on the tournament drives by three and the Unions have entered an equal number of quintets. One team each has been entered by the Coal Dealers, Perfectionists and the Business League. The Century Biscuit team, a former Manufacturers' and Commercial League team, has made entry to the tourna-

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"While our drivers would be willing to drive in zero weather I won't permit such man-killing work," said one of the local race car builders. "The danger is twofold. The machinery may break because of the intense cold and strain, as Christie's rear spring did yesterday, and then in case of such an accident the driver's strength would be all gone and he would be helpless."

"While I am exceedingly proud of our high records made in this season, yet I am more than ever delighted that this midwinter meet is over," said Carl G. Fisher, president of the Speedway Company, last night. "It was my ambition to have the new season open with Indianapolis holding all of the laurels. We now have a high prize that will make other tracks spin to equal. Not only that, but I am sure we have a track now that will permit much faster time under better weather conditions. I predict marvelous records on this track for next summer."

Small Crow Braves Wind.

To the surprise of the officials and timers they were met at the track by about 150 men and women, who were marching up and down in the spacious grand stand trying to keep from freezing. Four women were in the group of spectators.

The judges and timers went direct to the judges' stand after their arrival at the course, where an old-fashioned coal stove was radiating heat that was welcomed with open arms. No time was lost getting ready for the trials.

All night Friday until 4 o'clock yesterday morning Anthony Scudellary, mechanic for Strang, had worked with the big Fiat car devising some means to keep it warm. He placed a sheet of heavy leather in front of the radiator that kept the cold wind from going back to the carburetor. He also attached a hot air pipe to the carburetor leading from the exhaust pipe and thus the big machine was kept from "freezing up."

Walter Christie and his mechanic, Hughes, took similar precautions. They filled up all of the ventilation holes in the floor of the car. Two valves were off their seats Friday and this defect was remedied and enabled the long nosed black car to make better time yesterday.

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