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DePalma Is New Entry for Races

**Great Auto Driver Will Be
Seen on Local Track
Next Saturday.**

A. A. A. Sends Barnes

BY A. S. BLAKELY.

Ralph DePalma has entered the Harvest Auto Racing Classic, which will be run over the Indianapolis Speedway on Sept. 9. He will drive in the three events on the local track next Saturday afternoon. His entry boosts the total now in the hands of Speedway officials to sixteen.

According to T. E. Myers, general manager of the big track, several other entries are known to be in the mail which should arrive today. The entries closed last midnight, but all those which bear a postmark prior to that time will be accepted. No post-entries will be allowed.

DePalma has asked that the name of his car be withheld. Just what car he will drive is hard to guess, as the Mercedes, which he used in competition Monday at Cincinnati, was so disabled as to be practically useless in competition for some weeks to come, unless he is able to install a new motor.

DePalma's name, however, assures that whatever mount he picks will be one in which he will be able to put up a great race. He is always out in front with the leaders and his appearance on the Indianapolis track will be hailed by hundreds of his admirers. Along with DePalma will be seen John Aitken, winner of the big 200-mile opening event on the Cincinnati Speedway. Aitken drove the rest of the field off its feet and finished easily. He has promised to repeat in the various events here Saturday.

Josef Christens also has a real car and only misfortune can keep him from a high place in the races. He is acknowledged to have the fastest car on any American track today and recently accomplished 111 miles an hour with a clutch that slipped in the turns. He is expecting repair parts from New York and promises the fans a treat with some real speed in the short races.

W. C. Barnes of Peoria, Ill., has been named by the American Automobile Association as its official representative at the races. He officiated at Cincinnati last Monday and will arrive in Indianapolis today. Barnes attended the races here last May in an official capacity. He will be associated in his duties with Referee Howard Marmon and Starter Sedwick.

The cars and drivers should begin to arrive from Cincinnati today. It was impossible to ship from that city Monday, as the Labor day and no cars could be sent near the track. Aitken, Merz, Wilcox and the other Indianapolis drivers should have their cars here early.

Only a day or two will be required to get the cars in shape to run. A number of them went out of the Cincinnati race, but a majority of them were for minor causes that easily can be repaired.

It is believed that several cars will be out on the track Thursday and Friday, going through the tuning-up process.

NET CROWN GOES TO WILLIAMS IN HARD MATCH

**Eastern Expert Wins National
Title Second Time, Defeating
Champion Johnson.**

**CHEERING CROWD WATCHES
BATTLE THROUGH FIVE SETS**

**Pacific Coast Player Fails Against
the Superior Strength of
the Winner.**

FOREST HILLS, N. Y., Sept. 5.—For the second time in his short career on American courts, R. Norris Williams II of Philadelphia won the national tennis singles championship at the West Side Club here this afternoon when he defeated William M. Johnston of San Francisco, the 1915 champion, in a five-set match, 4-6, 6-4, 0-6, 6-2, 6-4.

While the contest between the two champions of 1914 and 1915 had a nerve-racking climax, the match, considered as a whole, was hardly up to the tennis expected from these two masters of racket and court. The gallery of close to 10,000 spectators who gathered to witness the final act of the thirty-sixth annual tournament of the national association looked for a wonderful and thrilling exhibition from the two survivors of the 128 entrants, who started play here more than a week ago.

Play Serious Game.

The fortunes of the players swung first one way and then the other, as each had moments of advantage, but there was lacking the sensational fighting of the ball back and forth across the net, which was so marked in the Murray Church and other similar contests in the preliminary rounds.

Occasionally one of the players would swing into his best tennis and for a few moments the play would sparkle with beautifully executed drive smashes and lob, then, as if fearful of their own recklessness, they would curtail their forceful stroking of the ball and proceed to throw away point after point by the most unskillful service and placement seen. As Williams had come from his taking the greater chances and his ability to stroke the ball closer to the danger point than the other, he added to this was the victor's greater physical stamina, which stood him in good stead as the contest progressed.

A careful analysis of the play during the five sets shows that while Williams ran far ahead of Johnston in his ability to sense both service and placement, the latter piled up many more errors than the San Franciscan. There was but four points difference in the total of the two players at the end of the match and they were tied in the number of games won.

In the first set, games went with service until the ninth game, when Johnston took the lead and ran out. Conditions were almost reversed in the second and then Williams dropped the third at love by his inability to control his own serve. While Johnston, from a point of vantage at the net, was able to pick opening after opening for points, the tide really turned in the fourth set when Williams awoke and started to play with the dash and vim which usually characterize his game. Forehand and backhand he was supreme and he drove the ball first to one side and then to the other side of Johnston, forcing the latter to keep constantly on the run of the sphere. For the first time during the contest the rallies were hard fought, but the Easterner, usually wound up by forcing an opening for a shot with which Johnston could not connect.

At the opening of the fifth and final set the spectators settled back with the idea that Williams would again run the game and quickly run out the necessary points to win. They underestimated Johnston's fighting spirit, however, for the little chap was game to the core and set Williams a pace which he could not match for some time. Johnston slashed and whipped the ball back to Williams so fast that the latter temporarily went to pieces and ended rally after rally with an error.

Stillie Cheers of Crowd.

It was not until three games had been lost that Williams finally held himself in check. The gallery, with which Williams was a decided favorite, changed its groans at the latter's errors to cheers and he began to run up the points, and there was a

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