

BLAZING RACER FAILS TO DAUNT THEIR COURAGE



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Charlie Merz, because of his youth and 90-horse power good nature, is a favorite on American racing courses and there were thousands in the grand stand yesterday who wished to see the young Hoosier win. He drove the Stutz No. 2 a beautiful race and, on the last lap, gave the crowd a thrill that made admiration bubble for him and for Harry Martin, the mechanic. The No. 2 was discovered to be a

mass of flame when it crossed the wire of the 20th lap.

The crowd arose, gasped and waited for what seemed a certain disaster for Merz and Martin. Instead of being balked by the shock of flame that shot from under the car, the boys gritted their teeth and, on a flaming speedometer going seventy seven miles an hour, they pushed around the south turn into the east stretch, each moment with death at their feet. The Stutz was going fully seventy-five miles an hour when it struck the

north turn. Merz measured his coasting power well, then shut off the engine and coasted down the long west stretch and across the wire, winner of third money. The wire winner of third money and drivers was that fine man out of ten would have abandoned the car under similar circumstances. Merz and Martin struck and won. With both youngsters are veterans at the racing game. Martin having been mechanic for Joe Dawson when he won the big event last year. Both admitted it was their most thrilling adventure.

BIG CROWD IS MOVED WITH FEW MISHAPS

TRAIN SERVICE AND POLICE SYSTEM MAINTAIN ORDER.

REPORTERS ARE HANDICAPPED

The crowd that saw the big race yesterday was the largest in the history of motor racing, estimates fixing the number at between thirty thousand and one hundred thousand. Both citizens and visitors have been lavish in expressing commendation of the system in handling the big crowd. The largest in handling

pany did, a capacity business in handling the crowd, running every trailer the power could move.

The most marked complaint came from the local and visiting newspaper men. Correspondents and photographers from Boston, New York, Chicago, Cincinnati, Philadelphia and other cities were here for the big race, all willing to extend good words for Indianapolis and the motor speedway, but most of them left the city with a grievance against the speedway officials, and particularly the police. The correspondents say they were freighted with badges of various kinds, but when they went to make use of them found them valueless. This resulted in many inconveniences in the handling of the story of the big race for outside newsmen.

Military Passes Useless.

Newspaper men were equipped with so-called military passes, signed by Captain Carpenter, ordering all guards to admit the bearer to all parts of the grounds without restriction. These yellow tickets became a joke with the visiting newspaper men before the day was over. Once when a Chicago newspaper man remarked that he was going to buy a glass of lemonade, another mem-

ber and told the reporters they would have to stay out.

Insulted by Guards.

When Tower and his mechanic, Gunning, were taken to the hospital the newspaper men tried to learn the extent of their injuries and were barred from the hospital enclosure. At the same time a relative of Mrs. Tower who was a spectator, tried to get into the enclosure to learn the extent of the husband's injuries. She was repulsed by a speedway guard.

"Nobody gets in here," one of the guards hinted. At that moment two little boys stood looking in the hospital window, watching the doctors and nurses remove the clothing of the two injured men. Three or four women stood nearby laughing and talking. On the roof of the hospital a crowd was watching the race. The relative of Mrs. Tower pointed to these facts but refused admission to the hospital, a crowd crew tried to find out how badly their naves were hurt, but they too could not gain entrance at the hospital gate.

A. A. BATTING AVERAGE

Player	Including Games of Wednesday			
	AB	R	H	TB
Krueger, Toledo	16	4	11	17
Collamore, Toledo	16	1	8	8
Chappell, Milwaukee	43	17	24	41
Warren, Toledo	11	2	7	29
Johnson, Louisville	41	16	27	71
Hennipell, St. Paul	1	1	1	1
W. Hirschman, Columbus	1	1	1	1
Maupica, Milwaukee	1	1	1	1
Edgington, Toledo	1	1	1	1
PHILLY, Indianapolis	1	1	1	1
J. DeLahay, Minneapolis	1	1	1	1
Rosman, Minneapolis	1	1	1	1
Brown, Minneapolis	1	1	1	1
Autrey, St. Paul	1	1	1	1
Both, Louisville	1	1	1	1
Keck, St. Paul	1	1	1	1
Miller, Columbus	1	1	1	1
Flynn, St. Paul	1	1	1	1
Jegeron, Louisville	1	1	1	1
Krichell, Kansas City	1	1	1	1
N. CHARGE, Indianapolis	1	1	1	1
C. Jones, Toledo	1	1	1	1
James, Milwaukee	1	1	1	1
Hinton, Columbus	1	1	1	1
Hulawit, Louisville	1	1	1	1

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From Left to Right: Merz and Martin receiving congratulations from the Blue team.

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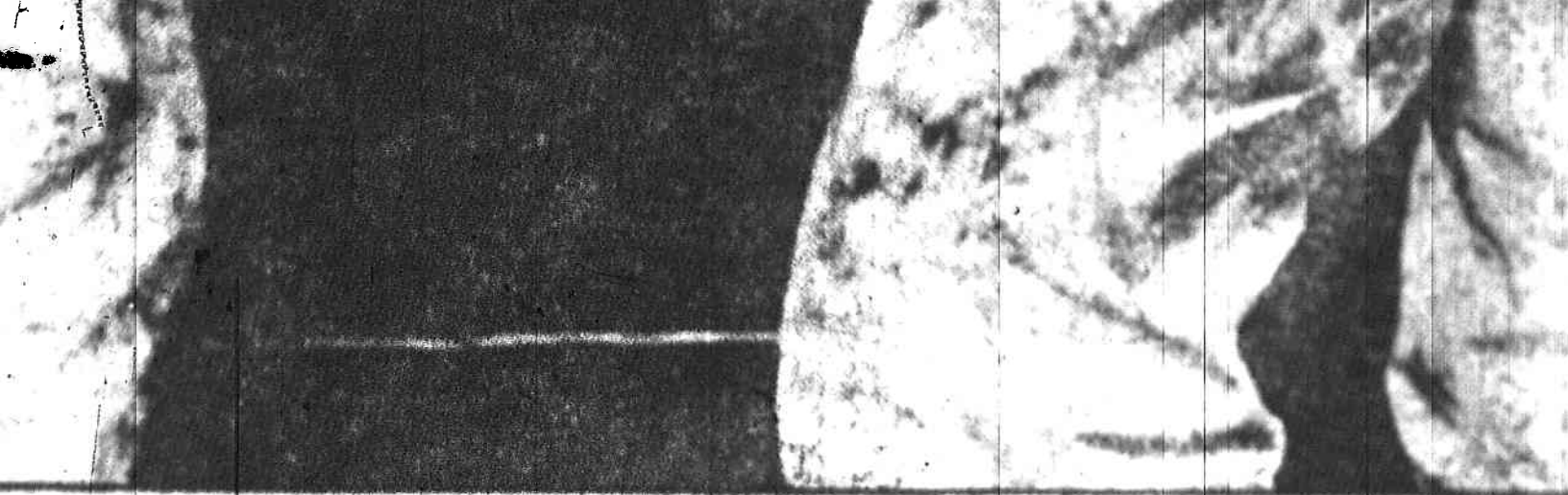
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Military Police were also present. The race was a success.



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