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Oldfield had far more speed than any of the drivers he met yesterday. This was demonstrated when he eclipsed the program of the day by reducing the track record from 59.3 seconds to 57.3, the best previous time of the afternoon to the older sweepstakes was 1:04 1-4. Three starts were made in both the start and the trial to break the track record.

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A summary of the auto races at the State Fair grounds yesterday spells Old Bill, the circular track speed king, successful in every event in which he was entered except one, and that was the four-mile contest. A crowd estimated at 25,000 saw the races, which were among the most exciting ever seen in this city and were a revelation to many of the spectators.

Automobile racing has developed to a remarkable degree during the last few years, where now a large number of drivers where a short time ago but was small. Now the racers start side by side, fighting for the lead every inch of the way. Formerly two contestants were started half a mile apart and raced separately. Yesterday they started in pairs. A turf follower would have enjoyed neck-and-neck contests, apparently contesting every yard.

O'Neill had far more speed than any of the drivers he met yesterday. This was demonstrated when he closed the program of the day by reducing the track record from 55 3-5 seconds to 54 3-4. The best previous time of the afternoon in the Hoosier sweepstakes was 1:04 2-4. Flying starts were made in both the events and the trial to break the track

Defeats Paul Kaiser.

In the sweepstakes, at five miles, for a \$1000 purse and additional \$100 for a broken record, Oldfield was always handicapped by being assigned to the outer edge of the track, making the distance he was forced to travel much greater. His competitor, Paul Kaiser, driving the "Waste Brake," in the first heat in what appeared to be the most hotly contested sweepstakes of the afternoon.

Kaiser had the inside of the track, and the manner in which he hugged the rail made the more timid of the spectators hold their breath and look away when he turned the corners. For four and three-quarter miles first one man led, then the other forged slightly to the front. Oldfield would get his wheel ahead of those of the "Waste Brake," only to be passed an instant later. The champion appeared just far enough to the front to enable him to take the rail. At the three-quarter mile, on the fifth mile, Oldfield drew even terms with Kaiser, and after what appeared to be a tremendous effort on the stretch, passed him and won by a few feet at the wire. It was a beautiful finish, of the horse-race variety.

There was a misunderstanding in this race. While the program called for a three-mile heat, the drivers were of the opinion that they were to race five miles. Oldfield was ahead at the end of five miles while Kaiser led at the end of the third mile. Many spectators thought Kaiser should have had the decision, which was awarded to Oldfield.

To pacify the dissatisfied element the drivers went a two-mile heat, which Oldfield won. The time for the two-mile heat, which was counted in the summary, was 2:28 3-5. In the second heat of five miles Oldfield raced Jap Clemens and won in 5:28 3-5. This heat was not as exciting as the first, as Oldfield had at or two miles had closed up on the outer corner, and ran a pretty second.

C. A. Coey, driving his Thomas-Tomato, was to have started in the Horseless sweepstakes. He was introduced to the crowd and the announcement was made that his car had been shipped to this city but had failed to arrive through the fault of the railroad company.

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Only one car finished in the first event, which was an endurance contest at fifty miles. This was the Fleetless driven by Oldfield. Other starters were W. T. Mull, in a Pope-Toledo; Harry Stutts, in a forty-eight horsepower Oldsmobile; and Davidson in a Cadillac. Mull was compelled to quit as the result of a flat tire after the twelfth mile and the Oldsmobile was never a contender. Although Oldfield remained in the race to the finish, he covered only twenty-five miles.

The race between Oldfield and Stutts promised excitement, but was spoiled when the engine of the Olds car worked loose and compelled Stutts to drop out in the thirty-fifth mile.

At that time Oldfield was one mile behind, but was gaining rapidly. He was driving at full speed and there was much conjecture as to whether he would be able to make up the mile in the last five miles. Stutts started the race at a slow pace, and at the end of twenty-five miles had a big lead. From that point on he gained steadily, however.

Two machines were entered in the one-mile race for motorcycles. The race was won from Walter Beamer in

8:1-4.

Five Cadillacs started in the second event, for cars of that kind, and won the three-mile drive in 5:13.1-5. The fourth event, at three miles, was open to cars costing less than \$1,000, and was won by Cherry in a Leader car, driving about half a mile ahead of the others at the finish, although he drove in a car which had been taken from the factory a week before for the first time. His time was 6:13.1-5.

A novelty contest, the only one discontinued, entered that he did not win, was the first number on the program. It was for fully equipped cars, at three miles. Standing starts were made at the start of each mile. During the first mile, the drivers carried passengers, who took them off after the pistol had been fired. The passengers got out at the end of the first mile and at the end of the second they again took their seats. The car, driven by Stutts, won in 5:13.1-5.

Event No. 1—Indianapolis Endurance. Open to fully equipped cars, fifty miles. The car, driven by Oldfield, first, was the only car to finish. Other starters were Mull, in a Toledo, driven by W. T. Mull; Stutts, in a Cadillac, and Davidson.

Event No. 2—Three miles, open to all classes.

Odehnac started in the third
car of that kind, exclusively,
won the three-mile drive in 5:33 1-4.
Fourth event, at three miles, open
cars costing less than \$1,000, was cap-
tured by Cherry in a Lander car. He was
nearly half a mile ahead of the field at
the finish, although he drove in a car that
had been taken from the factory a few
days before for the first time. His time
was 5:15 1-4.

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field entered that he did not win, was the
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fully equipped cars, at three miles.
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of each mile. During the first mile each
car carried passengers, who took their
seats after the pistol had been fired. The
passengers got out at the end of the
first mile and at the end of the second
they again took their seats. The Oldsmobile,
driven by Stutts, won in 5:19.

Event No. 1—Indianapolis Endurance Derby,
open to fully equipped cars, fifty miles.
First, driven by Oldfield, first; time, 8:22 3-4.
Second, car to finish. Other starters:
Peerless, driven by W. T. Muir; Oldsmobile,
driven by Harry Stutts; Cadillac, driven by
Davidson.

Event No. 2—Three miles, open to motor-
cycles. Indian, ridden by Herman Thomas,
second; Indian, ridden by Walter Berner, second.

Event No. 3—Three miles, open to motor-
cycles. Indian, driven by Ford, first; time, 5:23 3-4.
Event No. 4—Three miles, open to cars not
costing over \$1,000. Won by Lander, driven by
Cherry, second; time, 5:15 1-4.

Event No. 5—Three-mile novelty race, open
to fully equipped touring cars, carrying three
passengers and drivers; passengers dismounting
at end of first mile and remounting at
end of second mile. Won by Oldsmobile,
driven by Harry Stutts; Peerless, driven by
Oldfield, second; time, 5:19.

Event No. 6—Great Hoosier Stake Sweep-
stakes, five miles, \$1,000 purse, with no record
broken. First heat, Harry Stutts, in
Green Dragon, first; Paul Kaiser, in
Jap Clemons, second; time, 5:28 1-4. Final heat, Harry Stutts,
in Green Dragon, first; Jap Clemons, in
second; time, 5:28 2-4.

Event No. 7—One mile against track record.
Harry Oldfield lowered mark for course, the
one mile in 5:4-4, one second better than
track record.