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Defeats Paul Kaiser.

In the sweepstakes, at five miles, for a \$1,000 purse and additional \$500 for a broken record, Oldfield was always handicapped by being assigned to the outside of the track, making the distance he was forced to travel much greater. He defeated Paul Kaiser, driving the "White Break" in the first heat. In what appeared to be the most hotly-contested event of the afternoon.

Kaiser had the inside of the track and the manner in which he hugged the rail caused the more timid of the spectators to hold their breath and look away when he turned the corners. For four and three-quarter miles first one machine and then the other forged slightly to the front. Oldfield would get his front wheels ahead of those of the "White Break," only to be passed an instant later. The champion appeared unable to get far enough to the front to enable him to take the rail. At the three-quarter mile on the fifth mile, Oldfield drew up on even terms with Kaiser, and after what appeared to be a tremendous effort down the stretch, passed him and won by a few feet at the wire. It was a beautiful finish of the horserace 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 1-5. This heat was not as exciting as the first, as Oldfield took the lead after two miles had been covered. Clemens closed up on the outside, however, and ran a pretty second.

C. A. Coey, driving his Thomas Tornado, was to have started in the Hooper 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 Fearless driven by Oldfield. Other starters were W. T. Mair, in a Pope-Toledo; Harry Stutts, in a twenty-eight horsepower Oldsmobile, and Red Davidson in a Cadillac. Mair was compelled to quit as the result of a crash after the twelfth mile and the Cadillac was never a contender. Although it remained in the race to the finish, it covered only twenty-five miles. The race between Oldfield and Stutts promised excitement, but was spoiled when the rear axle of the Olds car worked loose and compelled Stutts to drop out in the thirteenth 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 four miles. Stutts started the race at a fearful pace and at the end of twenty-five miles had a big lead. From that point Oldfield gained steadily, however.

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The fourth event, at three miles, open to cars costing less than \$1,000, was captured by Cherry in a Leader car. He was about 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 hours before for the first time. His time was 1:15 1-5.

The novelty contest, the only one that he entered that he did not win, was the next number on the program. It was for fully equipped cars, at three miles. Standing starts were made at the end 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 1:12.

Event No. 1—Indianapolis Endurance Drive. Open to fully equipped cars, fifty miles. ... was driven by Oldfield, first, time, 2:00 1/2. ... only car to finish. Other starters: Pope-Toledo, driven by W. T. Mair; Oldsmobile, driven by Harry Stutts; Cadillac, driven by Red Davidson.

Event No. 2—Three miles, open to ...

Three Cadillacs started in the third event for cars of that kind, exclusively. Ford won the three-mile drive in 5:23 3-5. The fourth event, at three miles, open to cars costing less than \$1,000, was captured by Cherry in a Leader car. He was about 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 hours before for the first time. His time was 5:15 1-4.

The novelty contest, the only one Oldfield entered that he did not win, was the last number on the program. It was for fully equipped cars, at three miles, standing starts were made at the end 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; Peerless, driven by Oldfield, first; time, 2:05 4-5; Peppy car to finish. Other starters: Peerless, driven by W. T. Muir, Oldsmobile, driven by Harry Stutts; Cadillac, driven by Ed Davidson.

Event No. 2—Three miles, open to motor-cars; Indian, ridden by Herman Thomas, first; Indian, ridden by Walter Berner, second; time, 1:31 3-4.

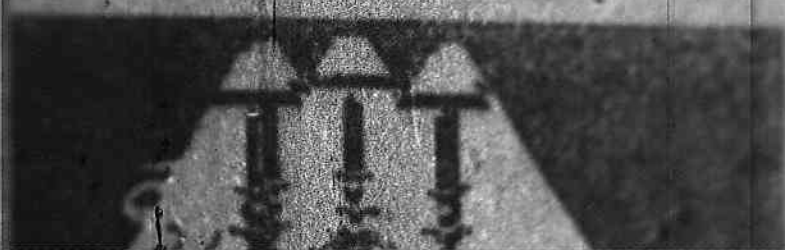
Event No. 3—Three miles, open to Cadillac; driven by Ford, first; time, 5:23 3-4.

Event No. 4—Three miles, open to cars costing under \$1,000; Won by Leader, driven by Cherry, first; time, 5:15 1-5.

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 Barney Oldfield, second; time, 5:15.

Event No. 6—Great Hoosier Stake Sweepstakes, five miles, \$1,000 purse, with \$50 added to broken records. First heat, Barney Oldfield, Green Dragon, first; Paul Kaiser, second; time, 2:23 3-5. Final heat, Barney Oldfield, in Green Dragon, first; Jap Clemens, in national, second; time, 5:23 2-5.

Event No. 7—One mile against track record; Barney Oldfield lowered mark for course, doing mile in 38 3-5, one second better than previous record.



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