

OLDFIELD FIRST IN PHOENIX

COPPER MILL HOLDS UP DAVIS

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Barney Oldfield led his nearest antagonist by an hour in elapsed time as the cars completed the first sixty miles of the 124-mile final lap from Prescott to Phoenix this afternoon.

The winning of the great desert classic had narrowed down to a dual between Oldfield, in Stutz No. 5, and Nikrent, in Paige No. 8, with Oldfield so far in the lead that nothing but an accident can prevent him getting first place.

Davis, in Simplex No. 4, who came as Oldfield's most serious opponent when the final lap began this morning, met with an accident on Copper Basin hill near Skull Valley, 10 miles from Prescott. No one was injured in the accident but the big Simplex was practically put out of today's running. Davis is not among the six leaders of today's racing.

At Hillsdale, 50 miles toward Phoenix from Prescott, Oldfield arrived first at 11:54; Durant, in Chevrolet No. 2, second at 11:55; Nikrent, in Paige No. 8, third at 11:56; Bramlette in Cadillac No. 19, fourth at 12:00; Beaudet, in Paige No. 1, fifth at 12:13; DeLoise, in Cole No. 21, sixth at 12:18. In elapsed time Oldfield led Nikrent by 59 minutes and Durant by 2 hours and 11 minutes.

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BRAMLETTE SECOND

Oldfield reached Kirkland, 22 miles from Prescott, at 11:19. Bramlette as second at 11:19½; Nikrent third at 11:21 and Beaudet fourth at 11:28. Davis met with an accident on Copper Basin hill near Skull Valley and had to stop to repair his machine. Neither Davis nor mechanician were hurt, but it put their car back in the race.

The racers found the going very steep and heavy. It required Oldfield a hour and 47 minutes to make the 33 miles up the steep grade to Kirkland. Oldfield passed Skull Valley at 11:06; Nikrent at 11:06; Chevrolet at 11:07; Bramlette at 11:12; Jack Burns at 11:22; Beaudet at 11:23; Kincaid at 11:29; DuBois at 11:32; and Ellis at 11:36.

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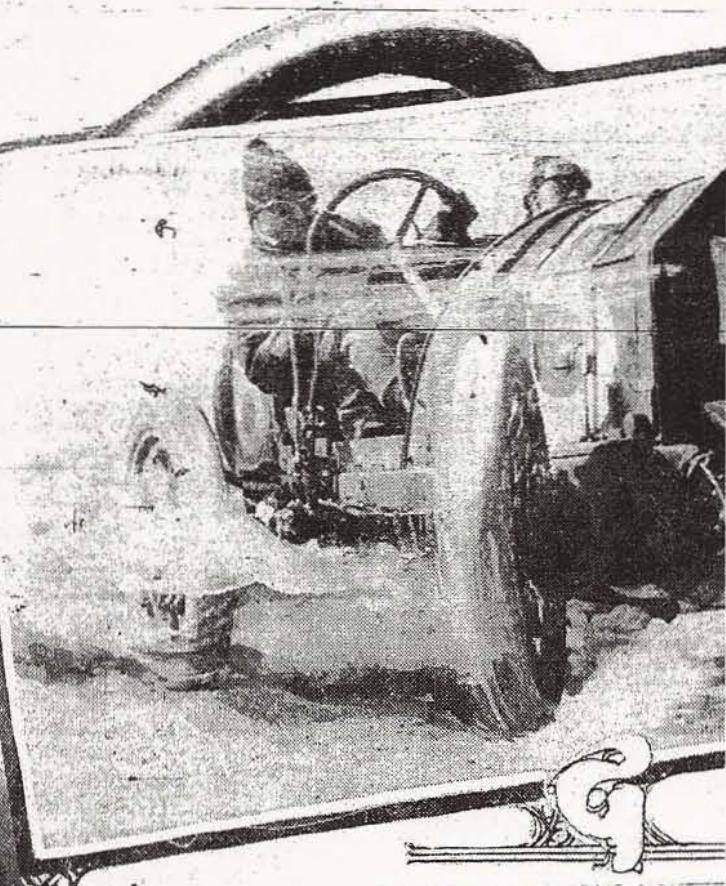
BARNEY OLDFIELD'S 'RACING FACE' AS HE PILOTS FAST AUTO



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DURANT PASSES OLDFIELD

Passing Congress Junction and tearing into Wickenburg, Oldfield in Chevrolet 2 was first at 12:44; Oldfield second at 12:45; Bramble Cadillac No. 19 third at 12:45; Nikrent in Paige No. 8 at 12:48. In elapsed time in the Prescott-Phoenix race Oldfield leads Duran by 7 minutes, but in elapsed time in the entire race Oldfield leads Duran by 2 hours and 9 minutes. Barring accidents, Oldfield will win the race, with Davis second and Duran third. The men have 62 miles more



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Paige 8—Nikrent; Janowski		9:25	8:35
Chevrolet 2—Durant; Lawrence		8:51	10:21
Paige 1—Beaudet; McConnors		12:29	11:19
Buick 15—Ellis; Ellis		11:00	10:14
Kincaid 10—Kincaid; Greenwood		12:29	11:19
Stutz 17—Burns; McMaster		10:17	11:15
Cadillac 19—Bramlette; Nelson		10:02	10:38
Cole 21—DuBois; Gaminetti		9:44	14:31
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Davis' in Simplex No. 4, who loomed as Oldfield's most serious opponent when the race began in this morning, met with an accident on Copper Basin hill near Skull Valley, 20 miles from Prescott. No one was injured in the accident but the big Simplex was practically out of today's running. Later in the morning, the six leaders of the race racing.

At Hillsdale, 50 miles west of Phoenix from Prescott, Oldfield arrived first at 11:51; Durant, in Chevrolet No. 2, second at 11:55; Nikrent, in Paige No. 8, third at 12 noon; Bramlette in Cadillac No. 19, fourth at 12:06; Beaudet, in Paige No. 1, fifth at 12:12; DeBois, in Cole No. 21, sixth at 1:18.

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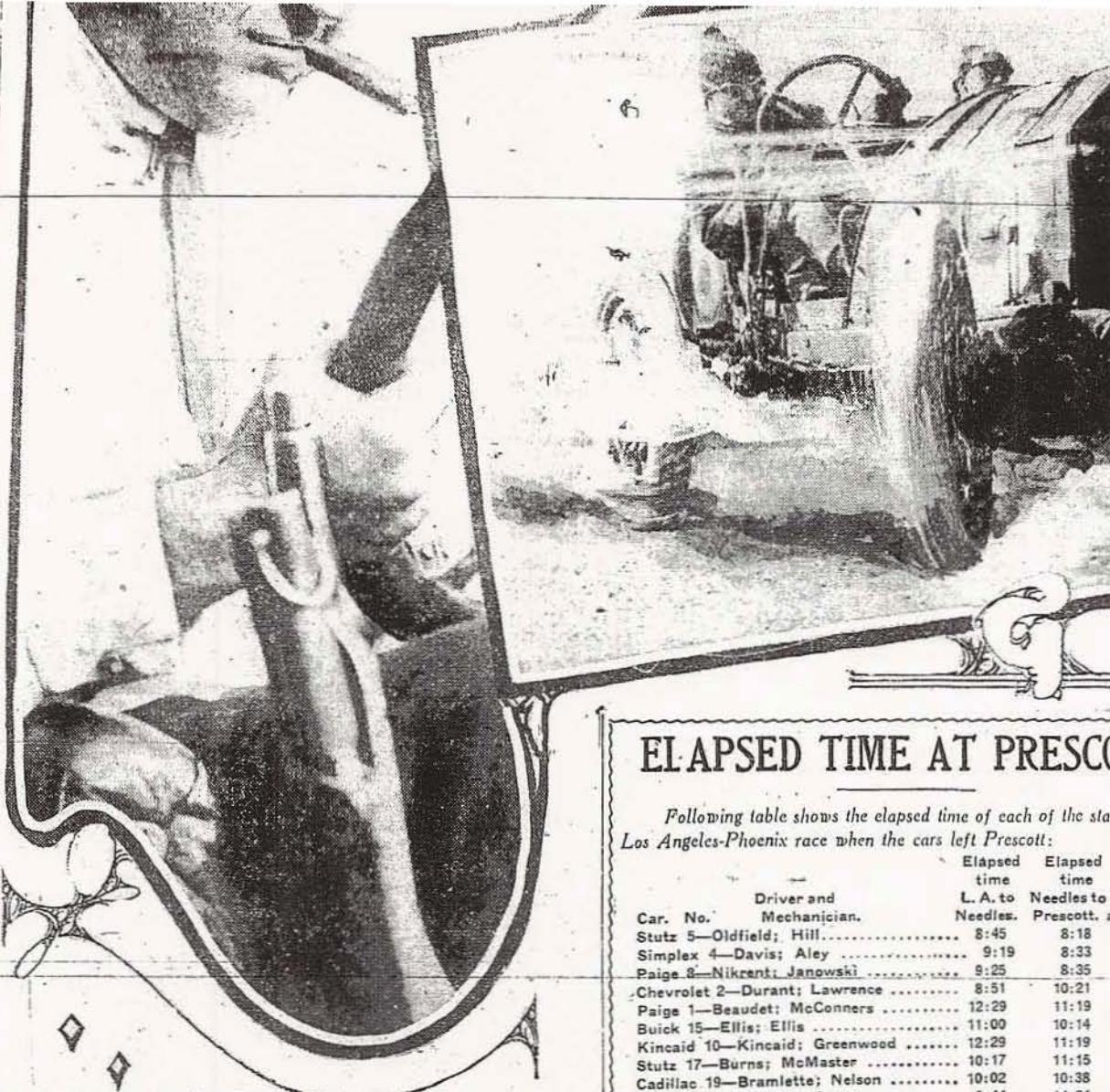
START AT PRESCOTT

The start from Prescott of the cars remaining in the race was a thriller. "Go," was yelled at Oldfield at just 9:50 (mountain time). Oldfield was a bit long in getting on his chains and "Go" was yelled at Davis before Barney was away. So the two started at practically the same instant, switched quickly to different streets and engaged in a speed duel before the city limits had been reached. Oldfield pulled into the open country about ten lengths ahead.

Nikrent, the third man to start, was delayed to replenish his lubricating oil, which had leaked out of his tank during the night. When the oil was in he jumped immediately into top speed and was close up to the flying lead as they passed the city limits.

The last car to get into the open country outside Prescott was the Kincaid special, driven by Kincaid. He was immediately preceded by Beaudet in Paige No. 1, DuBois in Cole No. 21 and Durant in Chevrolet No. 2.

Buick No. 15, driven by Ellis; Stutz No. 17, driven by Burns; Cadillac No. 19, driven by Bramlette, and Metz No. 9, driven by Wing, got away in a bunch, which formed a second division in pursuit of the three leaders.



OLDFIELD RACES DAVIS OUT OF PRESCOTT

Simplex Machine Stops Near

Skull Valley as Stutz
Rushes On

Oldfield-Burman
Race Is Postponed

It had rained all night at Prescott and the roads were very bad. When the drivers got away, it was feared that it would be impossible to ford the rapidly rising Hassayampa river at Wickenburg. To meet this situation Chairman Shettler announced before the start that if necessary a control would be established at Wickenburg until the river is fordable.

3000 FOOT CLIMB

The lap from Prescott to Phoenix today was the most strenuous of the three days' grind. Seventeen miles out of Prescott the drivers struck a 3000-foot slippery adobe and shale grade which they had to climb, and then descend the same distance.

Davis, in Simplex No. 4, got in trouble on this grade and was obliged to stop on Copper Basin hill, near Skull valley, to repair his machine.

Oldfield made the grade in good shape, but was closely pressed for first place by Bramlette in Cadillac No. 19; Nikrent in Paige No. 8 and Beaudet in Paige No. 1.

Practically the entire population of Prescott witnessed the start.

The fifty-mile auto race between Barney Oldfield and Bob Burman, which was to have been held at Ascot Park yesterday afternoon, was postponed on account of rain. Several inches of water covered the track.

Officials of the race stated today that the race will be held either

Christmas day or next Sunday.

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How Racers Got Away from Prescott Today

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No. 4 Simplex...	Davis.....	9:32
No. 8 Paige...	Nikrent....	9:34
No. 2 Chevrolet...	Durant....	9:36
No. 1 Paige...	Beaudet....	9:38
No. 15 Buick...	Ellis.....	9:40
No. 10 Kincaid...	Kincaid....	9:42
No. 17 Stutz...	Burns.....	9:44
No. 19 Cadillac...	Bramlette...	9:46
No. 21 Cole...	DuBois....	9:48
No. 9 Metz...	Wing.....	9:50

Prizes—First, \$2750; second, \$2,000; third, \$1500; fourth, \$500. Diamond medal bearing inscription, "Master Driver of the World," goes to winner.

Total distance of race 671 miles, divided into three days' racing, with night controls at Needles, 301 miles from Los Angeles, and Prescott, 527 miles from Los Angeles.

Oldfield-Burma Race May Be at Ascot Jan

"Wild Bob" Burman will give Barney Oldfield a gift before he leaves for Ascot Park New Year.

"I want to meet Oldfield and Burman today, meet him when he is Fiat Cyclone; then there out for either of us in case the Stutz Barney drove not fast enough to compete against the Fiat, but the Fiat is car over the mile course, day will suit me and I he can be arranged."

Oldfield did not get a late today because of a bad ankle. He wants to again and any date will try to him.

There has been some talk a return race in Bakersfield, California, but if the men it is likely that the race place over the Ascot trac

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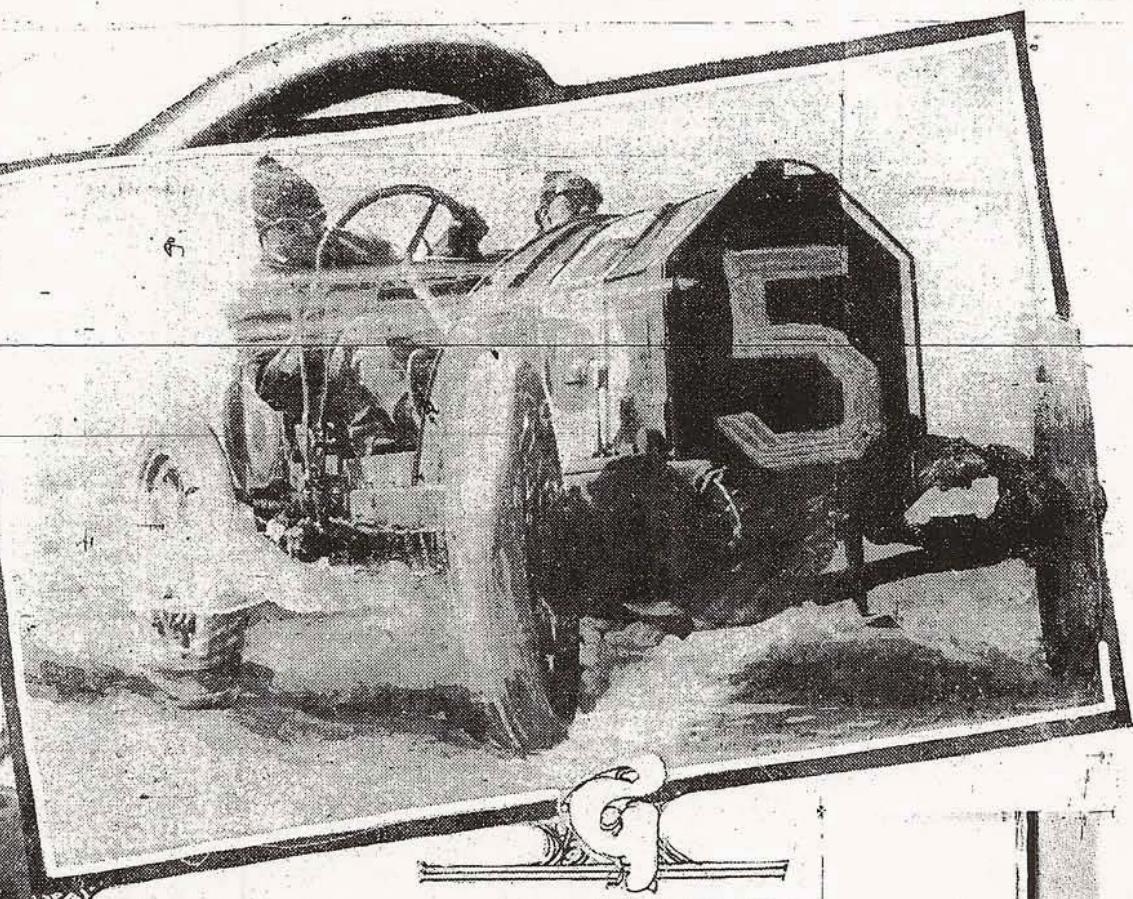
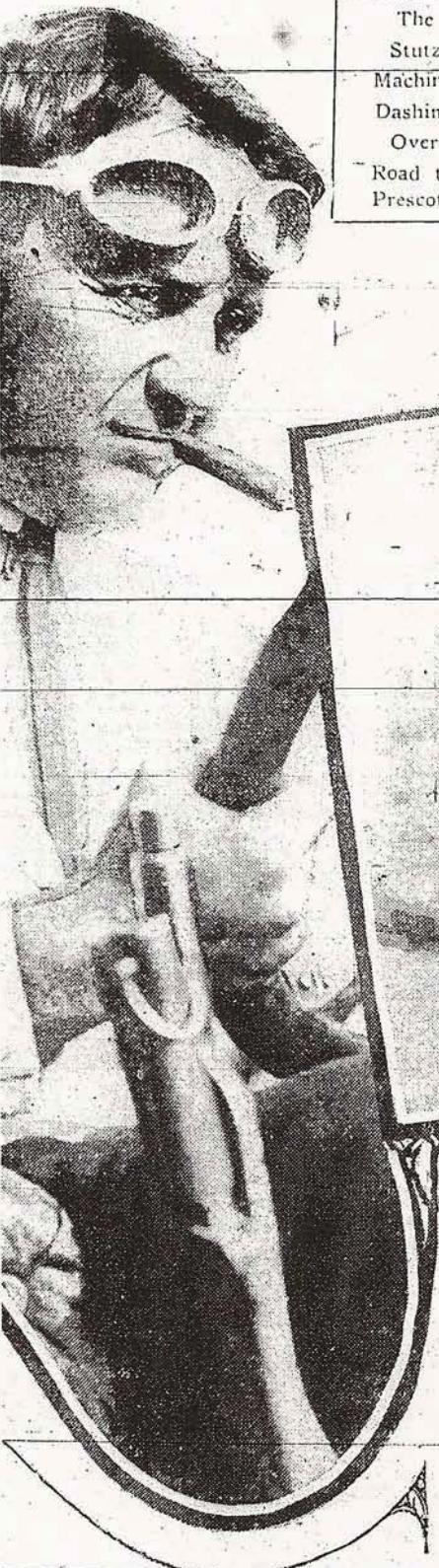
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Chevrolet 2—Durant; Lawrence	8:51	10:21	19:18
Paige 1—Beaudet; McConners	12:29	11:19	23:48
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