

OLDFIELD GETS ALL THE HONORS

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LOWERS HIS TRACK RECORD
MADE IN 1903.

Crowd Sees a Real Race Between
Clemens and Oldfield, the
Latter Winning After
a Hot Finish.

The Decoration day auto races were dominated by Barney Oldfield, who, after winning in every race in which he was entered, except the three-mile novelty race, topped off his afternoon's performance by driving the Peerless Green Dragon two exhibition miles in 58.1-5 seconds and 57 seconds, respectively, breaking his record of 59.2-5 seconds, made three years ago.

C. A. Coey, driver of the Thomas Tornado, entered for the Great Hoosier State Sweepstakes, was compelled to withdraw on account of the nonarrival of his car from Chicago. This left the race to be contested by Paul Kaiser and Barney Oldfield. Oldfield won handily, and in the final heat was pitted against Jap Clemens, driving a six-cylinder National. Jap kept him going all the way, and made a pretty race of it, but Barney was first under the wire at the finish.

Real Enthusiasm.

This race was the only one on the program that brought the crowd to its feet in real race enthusiasm, the others on the program being strung out like a procession at the finish. The time averaged per mile, 1 minute and 4 seconds, at least four seconds less than Barney's record, later. He might have made a run-away race of it.

OLDFIELD TO QUIT THE RACING GAME All

Champion Auto Driver Arrives
Here After Breaking Rec-
ord at Lexington.

WILL GO UPON THE STAGE

Is Disappointed at Not Being
Able To Go Against Time at
Oakley—Losing His Nerve.

The inhabitants along the Lexington pike, who saw an invisible streak flying along the road yesterday which left a cloud of dust a mile long behind it, were wondering what happened. It was only Barney Oldfield coming up from Lexington.

Oldfield and Mr. E. C. Wilson, of Chicago, made the 104 miles between here and Lexington in four hours and twenty-five minutes, or nearly an average of thirty miles an hour. The car in which the party came up was the same one in which Oldfield broke the fifty-mile touring car record on the track of the Kentucky Trotting Horse Breeders' Association at Lexington on Wednesday.

Oakley Is Refused.

Oldfield has been negotiating with Andy Welch, the owner of Oakley track, to use that race course for an automobile meet. Welch at first demurred on the plea that he was going to give an auto meet himself, and then finally refused point blank to either rent his track outright or lease it upon a percentage. Accordingly, Cincinnati will probably never again have the privilege of seeing Barney go round an oval track, as he declares that this is his last season in that part of the automobile game.

In speaking about his future plans last night he said: "I do not like to be quoted as retiring from the game, but I find that after a long layoff I lose my eye and it takes considerable

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The crowd was a big one, the weather was ideal, and the track in good condition, but the sport was tame.

The 100-mile race was out to 50 before the contestants lined up for the start. The entries were Barney Oldfield in a six-cylinder Peerless, Harry Stutts in an Olds, William T. Muir in his Pope-Toledo, and Red Davidson in a Cadillac.

Stutts in Bad Luck.

The race looked like a runaway for Stutts in his Oldsmobile. At the twenty-third mile he lapped Oldfield and was still running away at 35 miles, but an accident to his machine made it run hot on the thirty-seventh round. He kept up the pace for another five miles, and dropped out. Oldfield kept on going and when Stutts finally re-entered the race was all but run, and Oldfield won about two laps to the good. Red Davidson, in his Cadillac, didn't want to stop at the finish. His machine had been going about four miles to five by Oldfield, and Stutts. Nobody knows exactly how many miles he needed to complete the 50 when the judges flagged him down to make way for the next race.

In the third event, open to Cadillac machines, nearly everything labelled Cadillac in running condition was entered. J. F. Head made a runaway race. Somebody was mean enough to suggest that the machine driven by the chocolate-drop entered in this race was to be given the colored boy after the run. He finished about two laps behind the winner. It was a three-mile race. The time was 5:33 3-5.

Leader Car Won.

The next event was open to machines rated at \$1,000. A Leader car, driven by Mr. Church, left the others at the post, and was never headed. Time for three miles, 5:15 1-5.

In the three-mile novelty race the passengers carried in each car had to be dropped at the end of the first mile and picked up at the second. S. W. Elston, driving a Marmon, was hoodooed by his passengers, who refused to unload promptly. He withdrew from the race. Harry Stutts, by the aid of his passengers unloading and loading promptly, got the bulge on Oldfield in a Peerless, and won with an Oldsmobile.

Barney Oldfield, however, was not a fan of seeing Harry's record on oval track as he declared that this is a short reason in that part of the automobile game.

In speaking about his future plans last night he said: "I do not like to be quoted as retiring from the game, but I find that after a long lay-off I feel my eye and if I have not otherwise something to get in shape again. My contract with the Peerless Company expires late in the summer and I have already signed a contract to go out on the road with the 'Vanderbilt Cup' theatrical show, which has had such a successful season in Chicago."

Will Quit Racing.

"I don't mean to say that I intend to retire altogether from the automobile game, but only from the circular track racing feature. I shall continue in the automobile business in some line, or other and may be seen in an occasional road race. I can not say at present whether I shall drive a car in the Vanderbilt Cup race or not. The company with which I am under contract at present has not as yet entered a car, and as I have received no word from them I do not expect that they will. If they conclude to do so, I suppose, of course, that I will be seen at the wheel."

"My chief reason for getting out of the racing feature of the game is because of the enforced training that it takes after a long lay-off to get back my eye and nerve. I feel as though I am gradually losing my nerve, although I am at present in as good form as I ever was and expect to break the record for one mile at either Indianapolis or Chicago."

Greatly Disappointed.

"I was very much disappointed at not being able to secure a place in which to hold a meet in this city, as I like the town and have many pleasant recollections of it from my old bicycle days."

Oldfield was booked for a tour of the coast, but the earthquake at Frisco shattered his plans. He was at San Antonio the day before the disaster, and in another week would have been in Frisco. He will try to break the world's record at Indianapolis on Decoration Day, and from there will go on to Chicago for a big meet which will be held in that city on the Fourth of July.

Coey Withdraws.

The last running event was the Hoosier State Sweepstakes for \$1,000, and \$500 added if the competition record was broken. Coey withdrew on account of the nonarrival of his Thomas Tornado leaving the race to Oldfield and Kaiser. Oldfield won in 5:38 2-5. Following the heat, Oldfield raced with Jap Clemens in a National, and added another victory to his list.

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