

FRENCH AUTOIST BREAKS RECORD.

Louis Chevrolet Drives Twice Around Harlem Track in 1:57.

OPENING OF SPRING MEET.

Barney Oldfield Clips a Mile a Minute in Three Mile Warmup Spin.

While the band played the "Marseillaise" Louis Chevrolet, the French chauffeur, who is just as steady of hand and eye and as careless of consequences as Barney Oldfield, sent the Italian high speed automobile Flat twice around the Harlem racetrack yesterday afternoon in one minute and fifty-seven seconds, breaking a track record which had been set a few minutes before by Carl Fisher.

This was the only appearance of the French expert at the first day of the spring meet of the Chicago Automobile club.

Barney Oldfield was the only target of the eyes of the 10,000 spectators all afternoon. After winning his trial heat in the ten mile open he was caught and passed on the fifth lap in the final by Webb Jay in the White Steamer. That was Barney's principal engagement.

Green Dragon Tinkered With.

"The Green Dragon was plainly out of form," said W. H. Pickens, manager for Oldfield. "It is the same machine with which he had made all his records, and usually can be depended on to do its best. The trouble was due to the fact that its machinery had been tinkered with during the day, and there wasn't enough time to put it in condition before the race. There are several mechanics working on it now, and there will be a different story to tell Monday and Tuesday."

The club crowded a lot of events into the first day of its meeting, and left a lot of interesting questions to be settled in the two days that remain. The day passed off without a hitch or an accident. The track was in a safe condition, and the turns, which seemed treacherous at first acquaintance, lost their terrors for even the most timid of the speed desperadoes.

With a fair start Walter Christie, in his sixty horse power Christie machine, representing the Automobile club of America, won the first five mile heat of the cup race for the Harold E. Thomas trophy, covering the distance in 6:16 1/2.

Barney Oldfield with his Green Dragon reached the one minute clip in the latter part of his three mile warm up, without accident either to himself or his machine.

E. H. Green's Franklin, steered by W. H. Winchester, had a walkaway in the five mile race for cars weighing 881 to 1,432 pounds.

The three mile novelty race was awarded to Charles Soules, who drove a Pope Toledo car, although he failed to comply with the conditions of the contest.

Webb Jay's ten mile exhibition run with his White Steamer, in 11:36 1/2, aroused great enthusiasm.

Track Planed to Hard Surface.

The Harlem track, stripped of the cushion that used to set kindly to the hoofs of the thoroughbred horses, presented an unusual scene. The track was planed to a smooth surface, over which it was possible for a gasoline machine properly constructed and steered by a lad with confidence in it, and in himself, to reel off a mile in less than a minute. It was generally understood that space along the infield fence would be allotted in the order of first come first served.

Long before the hour set for the commencement of the exercises hundreds of automobiles of every description were packed from the paddock gate to the "eighth" pole. Their occupants and those who took seats in the grand stand were entertained by the warmup spins of the skeletonized time killers. Preliminary miles by the machines stripped for action were caught close to one minute.

The regulations were more elaborate than effective. Part of the old Harlem staff, knowing little of automobiles but much about the management of a racecourse, tried to keep things running smoothly.

Three Mile Novelty Race.

It took the man with the big red flag and his corps of assistants half an hour to clear the track of racers to make way for the three mile novelty race for cars of the useful type which was scheduled to start at 2:15.

Five started in the first heat, and before the first mile was covered five furlongs separated the first and the last. The Pope Toledo machine had all the speed, but its driver failed to pick up his entire load at the start of the second mile. This failure to comply with the conditions of the race was condoned by the referee, and the race stood as finished, with John E. Fry's car second and C. A. Coey's third. The winner's time, including stops, was 4:08 1-5.

The second heat furnished a little better sport, although it was simply a duel between the Apperson entries, one driven by J. A. Ellis and the other by Edgar Apperson. The machine driven by Ellis won in 4:40 with his factory companion second and George L. Bird's Mount third, beaten a mile or so.

When the track was cleared Barney Oldfield brought out the "Green Dragon" for a three mile warmup as announced. He hit the high spots for two miles and finished pulled up to a one minute clip. Nothing happened to him or the machine.

Green's Car Wins Five Mile Race.

The five mile race for cars weighing 881 to 1,432 pounds was the next thing to a walkover for the Franklin, owned by E. H. R. Green and steered by W. H. Winchester. R. W. Haroun's "Baby Carriage," built and driven by himself, was second, and the French machine, Renault, was the only other starter that finished.

Despite insistent noncompliance with the conditions of the race as set down on the program, the final heat and race in the three mile novelty event was awarded to Charles Soules, driving the Pope Toledo car. In his preliminary heat Mr. Soules failed to pick up his passengers on the second mile and in the deciding heat he kept his seat when the conditions specified that he should dismount and get up again.

Chicago Beaten by New York.

New York beat Chicago in the first heat of the cup race for the Thomas trophy. The automobile club of America was represented by the sixty-horsepower Christie, driven by Walter Christie, and the Chicago Automobile club by the fifty-horse-power Pope Toledo, driven by Carl G. Fisher. The pistol cracked to a perfect start, and the Chicago racer went to the front on the first. Christie, with his machine well in hand, trailed thirty yards away while the mile was being reeled off at an average close to one minute.

Approaching the half mile pole on the last lap Christie pulled to the inside and let out a notch. Then ensued a finish that brought every occupant of the crowded inclosure to his feet. With a final spurt Christie, waving a salute to his rival, got his machine across the line by three parts of a hair. The time was 6:18 4-6. The second heat for the cup will be run on Monday, the contestants being the Thomas machine and the Flat.

Webb Jay Wins Easily.

Webb Jay gave a ten mile exhibition with his White steamer in 11:36 1/2. The performance was started as the first heat of the ten mile open, in which eleven machines were named to go, but Jay simply ran away from his competitors. E. H. R. Green's Pope Toledo was second.

The second heat, which was at five miles instead of ten, brought out Barney Oldfield in the Green Dragon and Carl Fisher in his fifty horse power wagon. Oldfield has his

speed wonder under excellent control this time. It made every turn perfectly, saved ground on the corners, and, keeping the insignificant contender at some distance throughout, won by almost as much as he cared to make it in 5:10.

J. H. McDuffee, with a striped car and an allowance of 600 yards, won the five miles dealers' handicap.

Summary of Races.

First event, novelty race for fully equipped touring cars—First heat, won by Charles Soules (Tledo); J. H. Fry (Apperson), second; C. A. Coey (Thomas), third. Time, 4:08 1-5.
 Second heat—Won by J. A. Ellis (Apperson); Edgar Apperson (Apperson), second; G. L. Bird (Premier), third. Time, 4:40.
 Final heat—Won by Soules. Time, 5:02 1-5.
 Second event, five miles, for cars weighing 881 to 1,432 pounds—Won by W. F. Winchester (Franklin); R. W. Harroun (Harroun), second. Time, 6:16 4-5.
 Third event—Interclub team race, New York vs. Chicago—First heat, won by Walter B. Christie (Automobile Club of America); Carl Fisher (Chicago Automobile club), second. Time, 5:10. Second heat Monday; final Tuesday.
 Fourth event, ten mile open—First heat, won by Webb Jay (White); Ollie Savin (Popel), second. Time, 11:36.
 Second heat, five miles—Won by Barney Oldfield (Green Dragon); Carl Fisher (Popel), second. Time, 5:10.
 Final, ten miles—Won by Webb Jay; Barney Oldfield, second. Time, 19:22.

Fifth event, purse \$1,000, ten miles—First heat, won by Webb Jay (White); Carl Fisher (Popel), second. Time, 10:20. Second heat Monday.

Sixth event, Chicago Dealers' handicap, selling price allowances, five miles—Won by J. H. McDuffee (Stoddard-Dayton); Oriander F. Weber (Popel), second. Time, 6:19 2-5.

CORNELL CREW BEATS HARVARD

Wins Boat Race on the Charles River Easily—Seven Lengths in Front at the Finish.

Boston, Mass., May 27.—[Special.]—Cornell defeated Harvard by more than six lengths in the one and seven-eighths mile varsity race held this afternoon over the Charles river. It was a procession from start to finish, with Cornell showing her rudder all the way. The boys from Ithaca got the jump at the start, and in a few hard, quick catches pushed the stem of their shell into the van. At Harvard bridge the Ithacans led by two and one-half lengths, and from that time to the finish rowed leisurely at twenty-eight strokes to the minute.

There was not a ripple on the river when the starting gun was fired at 5 o'clock, and the course was as smooth as a mill pond. On the toss of a coin for position Cornell drew the Boston side, and Harvard was booked for the Cambridge bank. Harvard's showing was a miserable one, as the crew splashed badly and finished poorly in a weakened condition.

It was a big surprise to the rowing enthusiasts who had predicted a hard race and a possible Cornell victory by one or two lengths at the utmost. More than 8,000 people witnessed the struggle.

The second race between picked crews from the Weld and the Newell clubs was won by the Weld eight by less than a length.

The single sculls race for the Carroll cup, open to all Harvard students, was won by E. E. Smith of the law school. Time, 7:13 (unofficial). J. R. Montgomery, '06, was second, and C. C. Auchincloss, law school, third. The distance was about a mile and a quarter.

ILLINOI SURE OF SECOND.

By Defeating Wisconsin in Close Contest They Win Place in Western College Contest.

Champaign, Ill., May 27.—[Special.]—Huff's Illini colts clinched second place in western college baseball honors today by defeating Wisconsin on Illinois field by a score of 1 to 0. To Capt. Rothgeb was due the result, for the big athlete scored the only tally and made the only Illinois hit with a home run in the second inning. The Illini leader smashed the ball into the right field bleachers and easily completed the circuit before it was recovered.

Cummings pitched great ball for the Badgers, and after Rothgeb's feat only three Illini went to base. Bushnell likewise did well in the box for Huff's team, the little fellow keeping the Badger hits scattered and having excellent control. In the first inning he was in close quarters with Badgers on second and third, but he fanned Cummings, retiring the side. "Big" Rothgeb, aside from his home run, earned further honors by his work in center field. By winning the game the Illini made it three out of four with the visitors. Score:

Illini.	R	H	P	A	E	Wisconsin.	R	H	P	A	E
V'd'right, 3b.	0	1	2	2	2	Persons, lf.	0	2	0	0	0
Brooks, 2b.	0	3	2	0	0	Lewis, cf.	0	0	2	0	0
Faylor, 1b.	0	7	0	0	0	Leahy, c.	0	0	8	0	0
Rothgeb, lf.	1	1	6	0	0	W'itm're, 1b.	0	2	10	0	0
Bushnell, rf.	0	1	1	0	0	Cummings, p.	0	0	1	1	0
Fummitt, p.	0	0	0	0	0	Brush, 3b.	0	0	1	0	0
Gunning, c.	0	5	2	0	0	Fend'r'n, 2b.	0	1	1	5	0
Ray, ss.	0	0	2	3	0	Foelz, ss.	0	0	1	4	1
Pitts, lf.	0	0	2	0	0	Foelz, ss.	0	0	0	0	0
Totals...	1	12	10	2		Totals...	0	5	24	10	1

Illinois.....0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
 Wisconsin.....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
 Two base hit—Persons. Home run—Rothgeb.
 Stolen bases—Whitemore, Hoelz, Rothgeb. Struck out—By Bushnell, 5; by Cummings, 7. Double play—Hoelz-Henderson-Whitemore. Hit by pitcher—Pitts, Rothgeb. Time—1:40. Umpire—Clark, Chicago. Attendance—1,000.

MICHIGAN WINS THREE GAMES.

Secures Western Baseball Championship by Defeating Chicago Seven to Three in Final Contest.

Ann Arbor, Mich., May 27.—[Special.]—Michigan is western collegiate champion by reason of defeating Chicago 7 to 3, in the third straight game of their series.

With good support for Chicago's southpaw pitcher, Miller, the score should have been 1 to 1. Michigan never hit him hard, except for a brief fifteen seconds in the fifth inning, when O'Brien laid his team's first home run of the year out in right center field. Michigan's three runs in the third were made on four errors without a hit.

Chicago's runs also were the result of Sanger's wildness or errors behind him until the eighth, when Baird hit a three bagger in the nose and Spidell scored him with a fly to left so high that Martin did not even get it in to third before Baird was sliding home.

Score:

Michigan.	R	H	P	A	E	Chicago.	R	H	P	A	E
Martin, lf.	0	1	6	0	0	Bezdek, 2b.	0	1	2	1	1
Taft, 1b.	0	2	1	8	0	Harper, c.	0	1	8	0	1
Hatch, c.	0	2	0	9	1	Paul, cf.	0	1	3	0	1
O'Brien, 3b.	3	3	2	2	0	Baird, lf.	1	1	0	0	0
Pelty, 2b.	0	0	1	1	1	Spidell, rf.	0	1	0	0	0
Ca'thers, rf.	0	1	0	0	0	Abbott, 1b.	0	0	11	0	1
Campbell, ss.	0	0	3	1	1	Linn, 3b.	0	1	0	0	2
Wendell, cf.	0	1	0	0	0	Miller, p.	0	0	0	4	1
Sanger, p.	0	0	0	4	0	Templ't'n, ss.	2	2	0	3	2
Totals...	7	6	27	11	3	Totals...	3	8	24	8	0

Michigan.....0 0 3 0 2 0 2 0 0 0 0 0
 Chicago.....0 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 0 0
 Three base hits—Baird, Martin. Home run—O'Brien. Stolen bases—Bezdek, Harper (2). O'Brien. Sacrifice hits—Paul, Spidell, Abbott. First base on balls—Off Sanger, 3. Struck out—By Sanger, 8; by Miller, 6. Passed ball—Hatch. Umpire—Stein. Time—1:50.

Lake Forest, 3; St. Viateurs, 2.

Lake Forest defeated St. Viateur's at Kankakee yesterday by a score of 3 to 2. Score.

L. Forest.	R	H	P	A	E	St. Viat.'s.	R	H	P	A	E
Hobbs, ss.	0	1	2	2	1	Hickey, ss.	0	0	2	1	1
Bethard, p.	0	0	1	2	0	Monahan, cf.	0	1	0	1	0
F. McCrea, lf.	1	1	1	0	0	Martin, p.	1	1	0	2	0
Beltzner, 2b.	0	1	1	1	1	Shell, 3b.	0	0	0	1	0
Rath, cf.	0	2	4	0	0	Kelly, 1b.	0	0	10	1	2
Wilson, rf.	0	1	2	0	0	Devine, rf.	1	1	1	0	0
Charles'n, 1b.	1	1	8	0	0	Stock, c.	0	2	12	5	0
J. McCrea, c.	0	0	6	0	0	N'Donald, 2b.	0	1	0	2	0
Totals...	3	7	27	8	3	Totals...	2	5	28	12	3

*Roth out in ninth for not touching third.
 Lake Forest.....0 0 1 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0
 St. Viateur's.....0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 1 0
 Struck out—By Bethard, 5; by Martin, 10. Bases on balls—Off Bethard, 1; off Martin, 2.

Miscellaneous Games.

Wenona Fire Department, 13; Varna Reds, 5.
 Yale Freshmen, 4; Harvard Freshmen, 1.
 Wabash college, 7; Hanover college, 0.
 Chicago Union Giants, 7; Kankakee Browns, 6.
 Cornell, 2; Manhattan, 0.
 Indiana, 5; Rose Polytechnic, 0.
 El Paso High school, 4; Wenona High school, 2.
 Joliet High school, 7; Northwest academy, 6.
 Nebraska Indians, 6; Dunkirk, 1.
 Wabash college, 7; Hanover college, 0.
 Valparaiso college, 5; Titan Athletics, 0.
 Amherst, 3; Dartmouth, 2.
 Colby, 9; Maine, 0 (felled by disagreement in sixth, with score 1 to 0 in Colby's favor).
 Williams, 12; Wesleyan, 5.
 Trinity, 10; Worcester Tech., 1.
 Phillips Exeter, 6; Boston college, 0.

Blair Wins Five Firsts.

Hammond, Ind., May 27.—[Special.]—Before a crowd of 5,000 Hammond won the Lake County high school athletic meet at Crown Point this afternoon. Herbert of Notre Dame refereed and Parry and Friend of Chicago officiated. Blair of Hammond won first in five different events. The score by schools is as follows: Hammond, 43; Crown Point, 31; Whiting, 26; Hobart, 17; Lowell, 8; East Chicago, 1.

Final Football Game Today.

This afternoon at Parkside the final match for the championship of the Chicago League of Association football clubs will be played, the Hyde Park blues, the present champions, meeting the Lake Shores, winners of the spring series.