

DARING AUTO DRIVERS SMASH ALL RECORDS

World's Track and Speedway Records Go Glimmering
When Flying Motors Are Turned Loose Over
New 'Motordrome' Track—Oldfield Among
Those Who Establish New Marks.

PLAYA DEL RAY, CAL., April 8.—Establishing of many new speed records today marked the opening of the Los Angeles motordrome. Every world's record for a one-mile track from one to one hundred miles was broken and five national speedway marks were lowered in the trials and the free-for-all contests.

New mile track records were expected, as this is the first board track ever raced on by motor cars. In addition to national records, new marks were also set in stock car events.

The racing was free from accidents. At the end of the 100-mile race a Dorris car driven by Frank Selfert turned turtle, but after the car had run into the paddock Selfert's arms had become numb from the strain, and he lost control of the wheel. He was not injured.

The first mile on the track was a record. Caleb Bragg, an amateur, sent the Fiat 90 around in 37.56.

George Robertson was next to be sent away and his big Simplex thundered after the ten mile record. When he began clipping miles off in 30 seconds it was apparent that the record would go. He finished the ten miles in 6:31.37. Strang's mark at Atlanta for this distance was 7:01.94.

Another world's mile track record and a national speedway mark went glimmering when Barney Oldfield turned loose his 200 horsepower Benz for a mile, making the "pie pan" in 35.22 seconds. This car was never opened to the limit and it is expected that a still lower mark will be set.

Ralph De Palma, in his 190 horsepower machine, cut down the five mile mark to 3:15.62. He was followed by Ben Kircher, who cut the two mile record to 1:18.29 in a Darracq.

The racing was unusually spirited and every contest was hard fought. The most sensational drive of the day was made by Oldfield, in a Knox, in the ten mile race for cars with 451-600 cubic inches piston displacement. Getting away to a bad start, due to his position on the extreme inside, Oldfield was an eighth of a mile behind the flying Stoddard-Dayton with Livingston up, in the first half mile. Hanshue, in the Apperson, was running second. Oldfield began his race for the leaders and by the end of the fourth mile was in command, winning handily in 7:51 2-5. The Apperson was second.

The five mile free for all proved a thriller with De Palma in the Fiat "90," and Robertson in the Simplex, racing hood and hood for almost the entire distance. The Italian won by a scant length in 3:16.30.

The hundred mile race was a fight between Harroun's Marmon and Selfert's Dorris. The cars were lapped on 95 of the 100 miles. At the end of

90 miles the Dorris crossed the line one foot ahead of the Marmon. Harroun drew away in the last five miles and opened up a gap of several hundred feet. He won the race in 1:25:22.1, which cuts 4:45.21 off his own record made at Atlanta.

In the ten mile race for stock cars with 161-230 displacement, Endicott in Cole, won in 9:03.25. The former record for this class was 9:49.45, made at Atlanta.

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A spectacular climax came to the series



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were paralyzed. "I could not hand- numb that I could not sard a trifle I noticed that was drawing in closer to the gt the wheels reached the dirt It brief matter of being turned and somersaulted until the still, I guess I'm all right no This was the only accident on the sensational racing for accomplished mile after mile, after race. There had been however, that something nig Al Livingstone in the very s his car bounded over the fir- mles as if it were nothing ball hurled into the circle. The official opening of it fell to Caleb S. Bragg, who i mile in 37.56 seconds. Then, C son ten miles in 4:31, as agal world's record of 7:01, made Indianapolis. From that ti came only a matter of how ords would be shattered.

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In the final event of mile race, there were and after Livingstone comest centered between Siefert. This was the the accident. The crowd was not as anticipated, but there throng to make the lively. Two bands pro transportation facilities Today De Palma will new mile record and lower De Palma's five

RECORDS MADE YESTERDAY AND THE OLD ONES

| Miles. | At Los Angeles, April 8, 1910. | Old Records. |
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| 1 | Oldfield, Knox | 36.22.....Strang, Fiat, Atlanta |
| 2 | Kerscher, Darracq | 1:18.29.....Strang, Fiat, Atlanta |
| 5 | De Palma, Fiat | 3:15.62.....Oldfield, Benz, Indianapolis |
| 10 | Robertson, Simplex | 6:31.37.....Strang, Fiat, Atlanta |
| 1 | (Amateur) Bragg, Fiat | 37.56..... |
| 161-230 CLASS. | | |
| 10 | Endicott, Cole | 9:03.22.....Matson, Chalmers, Atlanta |
| 451-600 CLASS. | | |
| 10 | Oldfield, Knox | 7:49.40.....Robertson, Fiat, Atlanta |
| 231-300 CLASS. | | |
| 5 | Siefert, Dorris | 4:22.42.....Strang, Buick, Indianapolis |
| 10 | Siefert, Dorris | 8:41.45.....Harroun, Atlanta |
| 25 | Harroun | 21:26.54.....Strang, Buick, Indianapolis |
| 30 | Harroun | 25:37.95.....Harroun, Atlanta |
| 40 | Harroun | 32:56.....Harroun, Atlanta |
| 50 | Siefert, Dorris | 42:20.08.....Harroun, Atlanta |
| 50 | Harroun | 53:53.12.....Harroun, Atlanta |

"Examiner" Photographs of Scenes at Record Smashing Motordrome Opening
Showing Barney Oldfield, Part of the Crowd and the Start of 10-Mile Race

