





# CHRISTIE BETTERS MARK FOR MILE

**Tops Off Melodramatic Program  
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The speed demon was appeased yesterday afternoon at the Fair Grounds when Christie topped off a melodramatic program by sending his "Record Breaker," that satanic space-eating monster of his own creation, around the one mile track in the weird time of 52 and 1-5 seconds, creating a new state record and taking down the \$500 purse offered for the fastest mile made in the two days' meet.

Barney Oldfield won the final heat and the sweepstakes event from Soules and Christie by defeating the latter in a spectacular two-mile struggle by a whisker. The time was 2 minutes and 3 seconds flat. The two great auto-crafts came whizzing, lurching down the final stretch at a speed too fast for an ordinary mortal to conceive, Oldfield in his Stearns slightly in the lead.

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Merz regained control by some clever work on the car while it was tearing over the ground at a wonderful rate and beat out the Haynes handily.

In the second heat, which proved to be the final one, Merz threw her wide open and was never headed, coming in an eighth or more to the good in the excellent time of 5:11 for the five miles.

### Merz Shows Ability as Driver.

In a free-for-all handicap Merz again distinguished himself by capturing the event with a bare fifteen seconds on Soules, the scratch man, in his Stearns car. The National, driven by Aitken, and another Stearns car, driven by Cameron, had twenty seconds' handicap, or five over the Stoddard, but they finished third and fourth respectively.

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There were exhibition miles galore, but two of the most interesting from a local standpoint were the performances of the American roadster and the Stoddard-Dayton. Merz piloted the Stoddard around the mile track twice in the remarkable time of 2 minutes 1 second flat, his best mile being in 1 minute flat.

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The home team won both the matches in singles today. William A. Larned defeated H. J. G. Ritchie three sets to one by scores of 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-3, and Beals C. Wright disposing of John G. Parke three sets to two, by scores of 6-10, 2-6, 6-4, 7-5, 6-2. The afternoon did not open encouragingly for the Americans. With Larned exceedingly nervous and Wright unable to get into his swing, the British players took game after game, both winning their initial sets.

**FIRST OF SERIES OF GAMES FOR CITY CHAMPIONSHIP HONORS WILL BE HELD TODAY AT NORTH WESTERN PARK.**

Since both the A. B. C.'s and Reserves have been successful against the Atkins in their respective series, the game today promises to be one of extra merit. The Reserves and A. B. C.'s clash in the first of a series at Northwestern Park and attendance records are expected to be smashed as both teams are playing fast ball and all the pitchers are in good condition.

The winner of this series will have the undisputed title of city champion and both teams are pulling for the first game in order to have the advantage. The clubs will lineup as follows:

A. B. C.—Gordon and Thompson, catchers; Hickey and Washington, pitchers; Hutchinson, shortstop; Board, first base; Merida, second base; Allen, third base; Granger, left field; Heron, center field; Davis, right field.

### IRISH CLUB VICTOR

WINS A. A. U. CHAMPIONSHIP

**DISORDER FOLLOWS MIX-UP IN TWO-MILE EVENT, WHICH IS RE-RUN AND ANOTHER HONORABLE CAUSE ITS FORFEITMENT.**

TRAVERS ISLAND, N. Y., Sept. 19.—The national senior track and field championships of the Amateur Athletic Union were decided today on the famous oval of the New York Athletic Club. An upset there was a fight for supremacy in points of honors between the Irish-American Athletic Club and the New York Athletic Club.

Many of the recent Olympic competitors took part in the contests, which were of international interest, and the Irish-American Athletic Club won the honors with 55 points, the New York Athletic Club being second with 29 and the Chicago Athletic Association third with 16.

The other points were distributed as follows: Olympic Athletic Club, San Francisco, 8; Montreal Athletic Association, 6; Boston Athletic Association, 4; Gurley Athletic Association, Washington, D. C., 1; Pastime Athletic Club, New York, 1, and three points went to athletes who were not entered from any particular club.

The five-mile run was won by Fred Belars of the New York Athletic Club; J. J. Lee, New York Athletic Club, was second, fifty yards away, and about two feet ahead of John J. Daly, Irish-American Athletic Club, who finished third.

**Row When Race Is Off.**

A scene of great disorder followed the second running of the race, which Trube again won after Cohn had stopped at the false signal. The race was then ordered postponed until Wednesday night and this decision was followed by boos from the crowd and hundreds of spectators rushed on to the track to protest. Summary:

100-yard run—First beat won by W. P. Hamilton, Chicago A. A.; T. H. Rulon, Montreal A. C. second; J. M. Rosenbarger, Irish-American A. C. third. Time, 10 1/2 seconds. Best—Won by W. P. Hamilton, Irish-American A. C. R. C. Taylor, Chicago A. A. second; Setts, N. Y. A. C. third. Time, 10 2/5.

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