

Cochran, Shaw Tops In Hoosier Owned Track

WHEN Homer H. Cochran of Cochran Morrissey & Co., Indianapolis, was able to bring Anton Hulman Jr. of Terre Haute and Wilbur Shaw together to talk over the prospects for acquiring the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Indiana control of the world-known track resulted. The property stretching along West 16th Street includes not only the historic brick and asphalt two-and-one-half-mile oval but also a classy golf course which will be kept up in the future for use of central Indiana sportsmen.

The stories of notable figures, of drivers and the fortunes and tragedies of the Speedway are so numerous it is impossible to crowd them into a column or several columns of type. They go on and on. Since the track was paved with brick and the first "500-mile" run in 1911, after a few stone track events in previous years, the succession of winners reads like racing's list of the great. Ray Harroun, winning that first classic in a Marmon Wasp 32, went the distance at 74.59 miles an hour. Through the years of foreign domination to the last running in '41, the speed kept crawling up until it went far over the 100-mile-an-hour clip.

BEGUN BY Carl G. Fisher, Jim Allison, Arthur Newby and Pop Myers, the track remained in local control until Eddie Rickenbacker and his associates acquired it in September of '27. The World Race who once drove in the 500-mile has had direction since that time.

It is expected that the Speedway again will see foreign cars in competition as soon as they can be perfected—perhaps not next year, but certainly in the future—and the oval will continue to be a mecca for all the world's racing fans. After the immortal Ralph DePalma failed in his 1912 try and Joe Dawson came through with the Indianapolis-built National, Goux in his French Peugeot won in '13, and Resta in another Peugeot roared ahead of the field in '16. DePalma was to find his victory glory at the end of the '15 race with a Mercedes, while afterward came the long parade of such cars as the Duesenbergs and the Millers. Floyd Davis and Mauri Rose were the '41 co-winners.

Such other notables as Louis Schwitzer Sr., Charley Merz and Seth Klein have known the track in official capacities about as long as Pop Myers, while Wilbur Shaw, as new president, tasted plenty of hard-luck losses before coming through and going on to become a three-time winner.

TWICE IN THE running of the classic fewer than 10 cars finished the full distance, so tough is the test it puts on mechanism. The first time was in '21 when Tommy Milton won and the second in '38 when a rainstorm broke after five cars had crossed the line and the others were flagged down.

Rickenbacker, as a driver, finished 10th in the '14 race at 70.83 miles an hour.

Louis Meyer, also a three-time winner, drove all the way, as did Shaw.

When the first race was run trees on the infield were so small that the officials could look over them to watch the cars on the far turns. Now they will have to look under the tree branches if they see the cars.

THE SPEEDWAY has served as a testing grounds for many kinds of new products, as well as for the races. Some of the first Diesels were tried out on the track and many tire tests have been

run. Not so long ago Shaw himself made some whirrs on new synthetics at the oval.

Crowd estimates have been anywhere from 100,000 to 160,000 for the May 30 events, with cars from every state in the union glimpsed in the jammed infield. Such world figures as the Fords, the Firestones, Arthur Brisbane, film personalities, authors and many others have come for the test of speed and stamina that has placed Indianapolis on the universal map more than any other one event.

Valparaiso Books 26 Cage Contests

Valparaiso, Ind., Nov. 14 (AP)—A 26-game schedule for the Valparaiso University basketball team was announced today by Coach Loren Ellis.

Ten first-string letter winners will be back, headed by Bob Dille, twice All-American.

Concordia of St. Louis, which will appear here Nov. 24, will be the first opponent. The remainder of the schedule follows:

Dec. 1, Central Normal; Dec. 5, Long Island at New York; Dec. 15, Drake; Dec. 17, at Bowling Green (retroactive); Dec. 19, Wyoming at Buffalo, N.Y.; Dec. 22, tournament at Kansas City, Mo.; Jan. 5, Brigham Young; Jan. 7, Wyoming at Gary; Jan. 9, Puerto Rico; Jan. 12, at Hamline; Jan. 16, at Indiana State; Jan. 19, Western Michigan; Jan. 22, Bowling Green at Fort Wayne; Jan. 24, Butler; Jan. 28, at Central Normal; Feb. 5, at Dartmouth; Feb. 7, Holy Cross at Boston; Feb. 9, at Middleburg; Feb. 14, Butler; Feb. 16, Hamline.

Virginia Considered For Orange Bowl Game

Miami, Fla., Nov. 14 (AP)—The University of Virginia's undefeated football team is among the squads under consideration for the game here Jan. 1, the Orange Bowl committee said today.

Other teams under consideration include Duke University, Penn State, Holy Cross, Oklahoma A. & M. and St. Mary's, the committee said.

One of the two teams to participate in the New Year's Day attraction will be picked from the Southeastern Conference where the standouts include Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi State, Louisiana State University and Georgia.

Paul Baker Is Leader In Table Tennis Loop

Paul Baker headed the individual standing in the Y.M.C.A. Table Tennis League after last night's matches with a record of 17 victories and one loss. Jim Sharpe is second with an 11-1 record while Don Wilson has 16-2, Don Stuck 13-2 and Rudy Stumpf 13-5.

In team competition last night, Daddy's Market won from Gibson No. 2, 8 to 2. Two matches ended in 5-5 ties, Gibson No. 1 being deadlocked with Best Coal and Y.M.C.A. finishing all square with Link Belt.