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ALL RACING PILOTS AND CREWS ARE AT SPEEDWAY

JOE HORAN, WINNER OF ATLANTA GRAND PRIZE, IN AMPLEX.

BOB BURMAN COMES TODAY

With the arrival of Wild Bob Burman, the world's speed king, today, all the drivers, mechanicians, relief drivers, pit crews, managers, etc., who are to participate in the 500-mile international sweepstakes race at the speedway, are here and ready for the big event. The speedway was fairly alive with racing cars, the drivers spinning around the great circuit in order to familiarize themselves with the roadway and to test their machines.

There has been a slight change in the plan of starting the race. A series of bombs will be shot up and exploded by experts, but the last bomb, one that will unfurl a gigantic American flag in colors, will be the signal to the drivers that the race is on after they have once driven around the track. Shortly before the time set for starting the race, which is 10 o'clock, the cars, lined up in the order of dates which they sent in their entries, will move away, preceded by C. G. Fisher, the president of the speedway, who will act as pacemaker. Fisher will drive once around the track and drop out at the pits. While making the circuit the drivers will jockey for positions. The first lap will not count in the long race. As the racers approach the wire the starting bomb will be the signal to start ahead at full speed.

Joe Horan, one of the foremost racing pilots in the country, and the winner of the two-hundred-mile grand prize race at Atlanta, last year, was today appointed the driver of the Amplex car, which was to have been driven by Walter Jones. Dissension of some kind caused Jones to withdraw from the race, and Horan was immediately engaged.

In the practice spins fast time was shown by many of the drivers. Several ran their cars about the course in 1:50 for the lap. The elimination trials will be held Friday, when all the cars entered will be raced singly before the timers. It is stipulated in the entries that a car must show a speed of seventy-five miles an hour.

MEMBER OF THE OLD SCHOOL

HUGHIE HUGHES
(Mercer.)

The speedway sweepstakes race will be the first big car event the Mercer racer has entered. The Mercer heretofore has been conspicuous in the light car races. The company has for its driver Hughie Hughes, familiarly known as Lord Hughie, because he is an Englishman. Hughes is a track racing veteran, although he is only twenty-five years old. He belongs to the old school, with such men as Christie, Oldfield and others. Hughes had his first big go in the Gordon-Bennett race in France in 1904. Afterward he came to America and took part in several twenty-four-hour events at Brighton Beach and other eastern tracks. He "barnstormed" with Walter Christie driving Christie's 110-horse power cars on hundreds of circular dirt tracks, establishing one record of 110 miles an hour on the Indianapolis speedway. In 1909 he drove a Parry car, and before going with the Mercer company he drove for the F. A. L. Motor Company. Hughes is busy tuning his racer at the speedway.

SEMI-PRO AND AMATEUR NOTES

The Dorns have open dates for May 28 and May 30. Call Main 8200 or address F. J. Fertig, 1556 Blaine avenue.

The New Lynns defeated the Barry Cubs, 8 to 6. The winners want games. Address Philip Menges, Route 49, Haughville station.

The Indianapolis Senators are without a game for next Sunday. Manager Mathews would like to hear from some strong team in the state.

The Spalding Athletics have organized and desire games with and fast teams in the city or state. Call Prospect 151, and ask for Jones, after 4 o'clock.

The Teds won a forfeit game from the West Park Juniors. Next Sunday the Teds will play the Cardinals at Riverside park diamond No. 2 at 3:30 o'clock.

The Mocking Birds won from the M. A. C.'s, 16 to 8. The pitching of Stewart, of the winners, featured the game. The winners challenge the West Park Juniors or the Marott.

The manager of the Nationals is requested to call Woodruff 1638 and ask for Sewell Wasson.

Any fifteen-year-old team wishing a game for next Sunday call Main 99 after 5 o'clock and ask for Mike.

The St. Anthony school team would like to arrange games with twelve or thirteen-year-old teams. Call Main 6271 and ask for Fred Shumaker.

The Irish Lads desire games with fifteen or sixteen-year-old teams in the city or state. Address Andrew Alexander, corner Morris and Capitol avenue.

The H. A. C.'s desire a game for next Saturday with any fifteen-year-old team in the city. Baker Juniors preferred. Address F. J. Kelly, 425 Ketcham street.

The Young Hoosiers are without a game for next Sunday and would like to arrange to meet any twelve or thirteen-year-old team. Address

THE GREATEST P

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Mike Donlin, who was then with New York, made what I think was the greatest play I ever saw. He made it against the Cubs in 1908 in a game that seemed to decide the pennant race, and he beat us out of the game by it.

I have seen a lot of spectacular catches