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CINCINNATI CARS PILE UP

Crowd Surges Across Track,
Dodging Flying Racers—No
One Is Killed.

[BY W. D. EDENBURN.]

CINCINNATI, O., May 13.—Farmer "Bill" Endicott did not win a race in the events at Latonia today, but tonight he is the hero of the track. The big event of the day, the one hour race for the Enquirer trophy, was the last race on the card, and six machines, a Cole, Schacht, Marmon, Cino and two Buicks lined up for the race.

The cars got off in a bunch with the Cino leading by a slight margin, and in rounding the south turn at fourth position on the first lap, Endicott blew a rear tire. The machine started toward the infield fence and Endicott tried to throw it toward the outside to avoid the two cars behind him, but the Cole slewed around and started back up the track. In the cloud of dust, Dermond, driving a Schacht, did not see the Cole until he was on top of it. The Schacht hit the Cole in the middle, raised its nose in the air and dropped across the rear of Endicott's machine, crushing the wheel. The Buick, driven by Hilliard, was on the heap in a flash and the three cars were locked in a twisted pile of wreckage. All the drivers were thrown from their cars, but Endicott, with presence of mind born of many a dash through a fence, regained his feet and ran down the back stretch, heading off the leaders and preventing a more serious accident.

The cars were piled within six feet of the infield fence and without adequate police protection the crowd surged across the track, dodging the three cars still running and rushed to the scene of the accident. For thirteen miles the remaining cars at high speed drove around the track, taking the turns on the inside, with the wreckage offering every chance for another accident.

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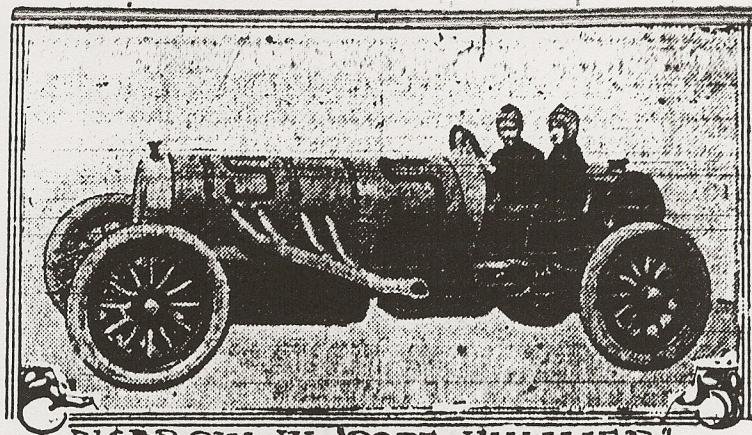
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Famous Pilot Arrives for Race.



DISBROW IN "POPE HUMMER"
SPOONER & WILLS

Louis Disbrow, the famous Pope-Hartford racing driver, has arrived with his big machine. He drove from New York to Indianapolis to drive in the 500-mile

race that will be held Memorial day. Neil Whalen, his relief driver, is driving another Pope-Hartford car, which is not entered in the big race.

BURKE'S TEAM SHOWS BETTER FORM: CHANGES IN LINEUP ARE POSTPONED

Other Clubs Take Step to Strengthen and Still Try to Find Players
—Pfeister and Griffin Go to Louisville.

While other teams in the American Association are in a mad scramble to get players the Indianapolis club is taking its time since the Indians have developed a nice little winning streak and there will be nothing doing unless it is something big.

Joe Cantillon has slipped something over in getting Dave Altizer back from Cincinnati and that same move was a blow to St. Paul. The Reds were willing to take Harry Steinfeldt on as utility man and it was the intention to retain Altizer and trade Downey to St. Paul for its claim on Steinfeldt. But Downey showed such class in the field that "Dare Devil Dave" was sent back, back, back to the minors. It's a big question whether he will be the big noise he was last year.

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flock at the close of the American Association season. Ownie Bush got away by that route and the fans who do not understand the inside workings of organized baseball never have recovered from the shock because they do not know Detroit had an optional agreement to buy back the player they drafted from South Bend in the Central League and turned over to Indianapolis for a year's seasoning in the American Association.

Another case that illustrates the working of the drafting rule is brought to mind by the showing of Grover Alexander last week with the Philadelphia National League team. Alexander was drafted by Philadelphia, from Syracuse, in the New York State League, and it has been said he was regarded as a lemon and turned loose by Indianapolis. Last week in a game against Pittsburgh he fanned Wagner, Miller and Clarke in one inning and he has proved his big league caliber.

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FRAYER SMASHES WHEEL.

Frayer also finished in the second event of five miles for cars in Class C. Starting at scratch in the ten-mile free-for-all, he smashed a wheel in the first lap and was forced to retire.

H. F. Fulton, a Cincinnati boy, at the wheel of a yellow Marmon, drove a brilliant race in the third event for cars under 600 cubic inches piston displacement. The Marmon trailed the field by a half mile for seven miles, and then began gaining on the leaders. Fulton did not have the nerve to take the curves on high or he would have won with ease, but he passed the Mathewson in the eighth mile and won second place. Helsey, in a Buick, won the race by ten yards.

Another Indianapolis car, an Empire driven by Emmet Meddock, won honors, finishing second in the ten-mile handicap and second in the five-mile event for cars in Class C. Fully 2,000 people saw the races, which is a record-breaking crowd for automobile events in this city.

It was stated tonight that the time of Frayer, with the Firestone-Columbus, and Rainey, of the the Cino, in the ten-mile free-for-all, was a new track record.

First Event (5 miles, Class C)—Oberting (E-M-F), won; Meddock (Empire), second; Helsey (Buick 10), third. Time, 5:58.4. Three starters.

Second Event (5 miles, Class C)—Rainey (Cino), won; Frayer (Firestone-Columbus), second; Helsey (Buick), third; Endicott (Cole), fourth. Time, 5:15.4. Eight starters.

Third Event (10 miles, Class C)—Helsey (Buick), won; Fulton (Marmon), second; Gilchrist (Mathewson), third. Time, 10:57.4. Three starters.

Fourth Event (free for all)—Frayer (Firestone-Columbus), won; Rainey (Cino), second; Helsey (Buick), third; Hilliard (Buick), fourth; Endicott (Cole), fifth. Time, 10:49.8. Seven starters.

Fifth Event (10 miles, free for all, handicap)—Helsey (Buick), won; Meddock (Empire), second; Rainey (Cino), third. Time, 10:42.4. Handicap, 15.

Sixth Event (stopped fourteenth lap; one-hour, Class C, under Class E; regulation cars not exceeding 600 cubic inches P.D.)—Helsey (Buick), won; Fulton (Marmon), second; Rainey (Cino), third. Three cars wrecked.

CUT TWO "CINCI" EVENTS.

Promoters of Queen City Races Dislike Track Conditions.

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What would you do if the proposition of presenting a winning baseball team for Indianapolis should be put up to you this morning? It looks easy—go out and buy some world-beaters. Since the season is well under way and Indianapolis is occupying that humiliating tail end position, the Indianapolis fans who have not been accustomed to taking the short end of it have been more or less perturbed.

Not to plead the cause of any players, the manager or the club owners, but to get down to cases with the fan, who, in his enthusiasm, feels the burden of defeat as keenly as if he could see his bank roll disappearing with each successive defeat of the home team, let's look at the matter as if we were all "magnates."

It's very early in the good, old summer time to get off of the real dope and talk about baseball politics and dream about the third big league, baseball wars, invasions and other bloodthirsty things, for May, June and July are the haymaking days in baseball. But when you are cuffed about from pillar to post in the cellar you have a right to bemoan your fate.

Two months ago the Indianapolis club had weeded out all the dead timber of last year and had assembled a baseball nine which on paper was sure enough a first division team. And that's not saying that the very same team will not be up fighting around the top before the hot summer days are over. But in the days of defeat which have come upon us so quickly the cry has gone up, "Strengthen the team!"

Now, as a business proposition, anybody knows that any man or set of men at the head of a big amusement enterprise would not stop to count the expense to draw big gate receipts. Bunk, hippodroming and four-flushing go in lots of other things, but not in baseball. That's the game where results only count. The score alone tells the story of success or failure.

There have been disappointments on the Indianapolis team as well as on other teams in the American Association. Now, as to the strengthening process, here's what the Class A teams are up against: What is the chance to pick off the stars in the

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Other players that were dropped by team last season are showing well in their new fields, but with Indianapolis last season they all seemed to have "bad year." Big Slimmy Murch is hero of Chattanooga today, and he starting as he did for Indianapolis last year. The other day his home run cleared the bases and won the game for Chattanooga. Catcher Higgins, who was in Indianapolis only a short time last year also is making a hit in the South League. He and Murch are leading team in hitting, both batting considerably above the .300.

Jack Hayden is playing his old game at Louisville. Frank Delahanty is working well for St. Paul and may stick to a regular position. Chester Chadbourne is going at a great clip with Portland out on coast and it is said he is no longer troubled with crippled feet or cold feet the case may be.

Phil Lewis is making the greatest showing of them all. Phil is hitting like champion at Milwaukee, and he refuse to boot the ball as often as he did when played with the Indians. The pitchers carded by the Indians will not be missed no matter if they do have a good year this year.

For a time this spring it looked as if the Indianapolis players that made records last year would start in at Indianapolis for another "bad year," they are showing improvement, and worst may be over. Bert Niehoff, played a great game at third base when he started the season here, failed to Niehoff batted .290 in the Western League last year, and Pittsburgh critics tooted as a comer. His failure to hit lost Indians several games, and he was sent to Omaha.

Rivington Bisland was another Pittsburgh disappointment. Dopesters in Pirates' training camp lauded Bisland the skies as a great sticker, who could hit from any angle and in any direct. He failed to hit even a little bit here, as soon as Billy Hallman was obtained Bisland was sent back to Pittsburgh.

It was not to be expected that John Priest would be a world-beater with team that was slowly slipping down ladder. Priest had no experience to strength to the team and it didn't

