

AUTO RACING STARS ENTER FRAY TODAY

Speedway Contests Bring World's
Greatest Drivers to Compete
for Gold and Fame.

NINE EVENTS ON PROGRAM

Big Race Course Stands Ready
for Opening of Meet This
Afternoon.

Today's Race Card at Motor Speedway

Event No. 1—Record trials from
one-quarter mile to one kilometer.

Event No. 2—Five-mile race, stock
chassis cars, under 160 cubic inches.

Event No. 3—Five-mile race, stock
chassis cars, 161 to 230 cubic inches.

Event No. 4—Ten-mile race, stock
chassis cars, 231 to 300 cubic inches.

Event No. 5—Five-mile race, stock
chassis cars, 301 to 450 cubic inches.

Event No. 6—Ten-mile race, stock
chassis cars, 451 to 600 cubic inches.

Event No. 7—Free-for-all handicap,
five miles.

Event No. 8—Five-mile race for
amateurs in stock chassis cars.

Event No. 9—Free-for-all open race
of five miles for Indianapolis Motor
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Cars have been weighed in and inspected, officials are on the ground ready for their duties, the course and buildings are prepared in every detail and today the curtain rises on the successful culmination of the vastest engineering project of its kind on this mundane sphere.

Advance sale of seats in the stands and general admission tickets at the Speedway office and suboffices indicates record-breaking crowds all three days of the meeting. Interest in the motor racing sport seems to be growing and the manifestation of that interest in orders from all parts of the country for reservations of seats at the Speedway is greater than the officials had anticipated. It is believed that 25,000 persons will witness the events today.

Big Stars at Course.

With the arrival of Caleb Bragg and his big Fiat, Barney Oldfield, who will pilot a Knox for the Conduitt Automobile Company, and Ben Kerscher in the Vanderbilt cup-winning Darracq, nearly every occupant of the gallery of fame in motoring is on the scene. If records are to be broken on this lightning fast track the men are here who can break them. Almost without exception they believe the former marks in many classes are doomed to fall ere the last race is run next Monday.

The program, which opens at 1 o'clock this afternoon, brings out every star listed to drive here. Never before at a race meeting have the entries been so evenly divided and each race holds some point of interest for the spectator. The card today opens with record trials from one-quarter mile to one kilometer. Each entered car will be permitted two trials.

Stock chassis cars under 160 cubic inches piston displacement, with minimum weight of 1,100 pounds, will cover the five-mile distance in the second event. The third event is for stock chassis cars with 161 to 230 cubic inches piston displacement, minimum weight 1,400 pounds, the distance to be five miles.

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Bragg in his Fiat did not get all the satisfaction he wanted in the tryouts, but says he will have the Italian wonder in shape with a few fast miles this morning. He has a native Italian mechanic with him and carries an American mechanic as well. Art Greiner of Chicago, the amateur driver of the National "forty," worked his mill a few miles yesterday afternoon, but the motor was new and he did not let out. Bill Tousey of Syracuse, driving a National "forty," also circled the course in 1 minute and 57 seconds in an easy fashion. He says he has worked the motor into good shape. Fox in his Pope-Hartford made some fast rounds and performed near the 50 mark in two trips. Fox is from Terre Haute, Ind.

Burman and Chevrolet of the Buick team worked their big "100" white one and had the satisfaction of seeing that the tear-down for inspection had not dulled the action of their motors. The Jackson, Cutting and E-M-F teams worked all day with several fast circles recorded for their class cars. Cunningham in the E-M-F is an old pilot and he is looked to for some creditable work this week.

SPEEDWAY SHORT STORIES.

Roy Beall, driving a Knox roadster over the brick course yesterday, made the first spill of the season when a wheel came off his mount. The car turtled and Beall went under it. One slightly fractured rib was the result.

The contest board of the American Automobile Association reports that stock cars have been found to be true to stock requirements so far as construction is concerned, but the twenty-five car clause has barred some. The makers had retained the stock car idea in building the racers, however.

David Beecroft, handicapper and technical chairman at the race meeting, is a technical authority on motor cars. He also is editor of Motor Age, published in Chicago.

The majority of the pilots are confident the mile record made at Los Angeles, which was registered as 36.22 seconds, will be beaten here. Oldfield declares this track fast enough for any kind of a record which may be made on a speedway.

Paul Bruske, formerly sporting editor of the Detroit Times, now manages the E-M-F crew of speedmakers and brings Pilots Cunningham and Skeggs here with him this season. The E-M-F Company may decide later to enter the racing game on a large scale.

The Darracq "100," which Ben Kerscher will pilot, is the car which won the Vanderbilt cup race in 1905. It is a battle-scarred old track veteran, but it has a wonderful motor and a good driver.

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Last Division Strong.

The last division of events brings in the largest entries and will be the most interesting from the viewpoint of the spectator. The seventh event is a free-for-all handicap open to all cars entered at the meet. There are six prizes ranging from \$20 to \$100 in cash and the race will be over a five-mile distance. David Beecroft of the American Automobile Association board will do the handicapping.

The eighth event of the afternoon is a five-mile amateur race for registered drivers with a \$150 trophy for the winner. A free-for-all open race of five miles for the Indianapolis Motor Speedway helmet is the ninth event. The winner of this event will collect \$50 weekly salary from the Speedway as long as he holds the helmet which will be raced for at the other events here this season. A cash prize of \$100 is offered for the second place maker in this event. Entries in the race are many and it promises to be one of the big attractions of the meeting.

The closing race on the afternoon's card will be for the Prest-O-Lite trophy, valued at \$1,000. This 100-mile event will be for stock chassis cars with 301 to 450 inches piston displacement, minimum weight 2,000 pounds.

The hazard race by Overland testers, which was to have opened each day's program, will be postponed until the second day. This race will be held also on Monday.

Every entrant and contestant is here and ready for the races to start. All seem optimistic and the performance of the racing motors yesterday was the best of the week tryouts. Ben Kerscher, Barney Oldfield's racing mate, made the two-and-a-half-mile course in 1:42.

Oldfield Works Knox.

Oldfield worked out his Knox car for several laps during the afternoon, but made no attempt to do better than two minutes. The motor was still a little stiff and he humored it somewhat. The big Benz which Oldfield has been driving in many places is on exhibition at the salesrooms of the Conduitt Automobile Company on North Delaware street, and probably will be there throughout the race meeting. It is a clever piece of mechanical work and looks the part of the steel grayhound that it is.

Ray Harroun had the motor in his Marmon Yellow Jacket humming prettily all the afternoon yesterday, and declared his car to be in perfect shape after the tryouts. He clipped off one round in one minute and forty-five seconds. Herb Lytle, in the American, put his mount through some stiff paces, and made the circuit once in one minute and forty-seven seconds. Nearly every team was on the track at some time yesterday, and the course was a continuous parade of flying machines.

This morning again the pilots will take a few more test trips before they face

wonderful motor and a good driver.

The Speedway management desires to announce to all officials that they should call at the downtown Speedway office this morning and obtain their badges and credentials. The office is at Capitol avenue and Vermont street.

TRAVIS LOSES GOLF TITLE.

Makes Error in Match With Brown That Costs Championship.

NEW YORK, May 26.—Walter J. Travis, the title holder, was beaten by C. H. Brown of Saegkill in a sensational match in the second round of the Metropolitan Golf Association championship tourney on the Morris County (N. J.) links today. The match lasted twenty-two holes. When Travis stood dormie two it did not seem as if he could lose, but the champion of the Hudson River Golf Association finished with two, three and squared the match. After halving the first three extra holes the match came to an end when Travis pulled his second shot going to the fourth. The error cost him a stroke which was never regained, for Brown, making no mistakes, won the hole in 4 to 5.

Other survivors of the day were Max Behr of the Home Club, the New Jersey champion; Gardner White of Oakland, the interscholastic title holder; Fred Herreshoff, the far-driving Westbrook player; Jerome D. Travers of Mont Clair, former national champion; John M. Ward of Garden City and A. F. Kammer of Fox Hills. The Staten Island champion, Gilman Tiffany, the medalist of the qualifying round, was defeated by Travers.

With the Amateurs.

The I. O. O. F. team, No. 465, has a permit for Garfield diamonds for the season and wish to arrange games with any semi-pro team in the state. Call Prospect 1175.

The Mannhattans have diamond permit for Sunday and desire to arrange a game for that date. Call 2447-R.

The P. B. C.'s want games with any 14-year-old team in the city. Call Irvington 607.

The Broad Ripple team has organized for the season and wishes to arrange games. Address C. E. Lineback, Broad Ripple, Ind.

The Printers Club have a season permit for Fairview diamond, No. 2. For games call Prospect 1025.

The Sheridan team has reorganized and will open the season at home playing Kirklin next Sunday. Address C. H. Fisher, Sheridan, Ind.

The Jonas will play Broad Ripple Sunday. The following players are requested to meet at Illinois and Washington streets at 1:15: Amater, Willeford, Wagner, Evans, Gibboun, Reeves, E. Wagner, Meyers, Kennedy, Turner and Hoffmeister.

The Black Sox have reorganized and desire games with any fast teams in the city or state. Address Shelby Branch, 1012 West Pearl street.

The Indianapolis Merits will play the Columbus Independents at Columbus, Ind., Sunday. Address W. Bell, 2101 South New Jersey street.

The Rupe White Sox will play at Noblesville May 29 and 30.

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