

SPEEDWAY TRIALS WILL START TODAY

Strang, Christie, Kincaid and Aitken Will Drive Racers in the First Events.

GOVERNOR DEDICATES TRACK

State's Chief Executive Will Take Part in Bricklaying Ceremonies This Afternoon.

With the forecast for fair weather today and with the new brick track in the finest possible shape the Indianapolis Motor Speedway is ready for its first record trials today. As a forerunner of what they expect to do today Strang, Stillman and Aitken fairly burned up the race course yesterday. Strang, in his big Fiat turning a half mile in 16 2-5 seconds; Aitken in a National 40 making the two and one-half-mile lap in 1:59, and Stillman in a Marmon covering the circuit in 2:01. Following his workout yesterday Strang asserted that the new brick track is the fastest he has ever seen.

The speed trials will begin this afternoon following the ceremonies attending the laying of the gold brick, in which Governor Marshall, honorary referee of the meeting, will take part.

The first event will be open to all cars which have complied with the racing rules and there will be no restrictions as to piston placement, weight or price. The cars will be sent away with a flying start and will try for all records, from one-quarter of a mile to ten miles.

Strang in First Event.

Strang will drive his 200-horse-power Fiat, Christie his freak racer and Aitken and Kincaid will drive Nationals in this event. Each car will be permitted to make two attempts in the record trials up to and including one mile. The second event will be free for all trials up to one mile under the same conditions and with the same cars and drivers as in event No. 1, except that the cars will be sent away from a standing start. Three Nationals and a Packard will take part in event No. 2 for cars of class No. 1 with

Shows Hand Against Ward in Ball Fight



STANLEY ROBISON.

mobile jacket he wore last summer. He said he is too busy with his powerful speed demon to have time to get cold except his hands—and these are protected by the best gloves that can be bought anywhere. If any one has a better pair than Strang now wears he will offer a big reward for them. "You can't race with cold hands," he said, and he voiced a cardinal principle for every speed combatant.

Nothing but the hands worry the drivers since their faces have been provided for. They crouch behind their big steering wheels and defy the winds and chilly blasts to overtake them. They create winds and whirlwinds of their own as their steel creations go thundering after one another in pursuit of faster—ever faster—time on the smooth, paved course.

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In event No. 4, for cars of class No. 2, with a piston displacement of 301 to 450 cubic inches, Kincaid and Aitken will drive Nationals and Stillman will drive a Marmon. Ray Harroun will drive a Marmon and a Stoddard-Dayton will be entered by Carl G. Fisher in the event for cars of class No. 3, with a 281 to 300 cubic inches piston displacement. In the sixth event for cars with a piston displacement of 161 to 280 cubic inches, Louis Switzer will drive a Fuller and Endicott will drive a Cole. The Empire, driven by Newell Mottlinger, will be the only car to make the trial for cars of class No. 5, with a piston displacement under 160 cubic inches.

Drivers Dress for Trials.

All of the dangers and thrills that characterized the speed battles at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway during the initial race meet last summer will be present today and tomorrow and will be intensified by the presence of cold weather conditions.

While all gasoline fans who have their ears to the ground well know that this cold weather is just the kind when a motor racer can do its best sprinting and when the tires best resist the wear and tear of the pounding spinning wheels, they also know that it adds discomfort and increased dangers upon the neryy pilots.

"Won't they freeze to death?" asked a woman spectator at the practices yesterday.

To the layman it seemed the woman displayed good common sense when she asked the question. It was not until Stillman, the slim, wiry driver of a Marmon car climbed from behind his wheel and advanced toward the woman, that "inside" information was gleaned.

"I thought your face looked mighty queer," remarked the inquisitive woman as Stillman began to pull at a mask with cold numbed fingers.

"You look like you were dressed for a Halloween party," laughingly remarked the woman. Stillman discarded the chamols skin mask and revealed a face wrinkled with smiles and not the least cut or scratched by the sand and wind.

All of the brave men wear similar face covers. They are made of heavy chamols skin, with holes cut for the eyes. Rubber bands hold them secure on the head. Goggles are placed on over the skin. A heavy fur or felt cap with ear protections is next pulled down and buckled under the chin. Only the eyes can be seen and the driver looks well the part of a Kuklux Klan.

Strang wears a bright heavy red sweater and nothing more than the same auto-

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Despite the cold, it is expected, and from good authority assured, that a large crowd will watch the brave men enter the speed arena today.

Aside from the automobile speed trials there will be motorcycle contests. Fred Huyck will ride an Indian car and there will be trials by Thor riders. Three Indians and two Thors will be sent out to the Speedway to take part in the trials.

The Speedway management has arranged with the Interurban company for service to the Speedway and cars will run on a half-hour schedule and every fifteen minutes if necessary. Officials who have not been provided with badges will receive them at the track today.

Y. M. C. A. BOWLERS KEEP

FAST PACE IN THE B. B. L.

Defeat Lillys for Brace of Games While Postoffices Take Two From New York Stores.

The Y. M. C. A. quintet continued at its fast pace last night in the Business Bowling League, taking the Lillys down for two of the three games. The New York Stores lost two games to the Postoffices, and the Laycocks took the series from the Blocks. The scores:

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Lillys.					Y. M. C. A.'s.				
Van Pelt.	129	121	169	129	J. Hurt...	129	181	206	
Hadley...	184	100	162	H. Hurt...	142	137	136		
Stockman	159	155	190	W. Hurt...	158	147	109		
C. Sharp.	87	Barker...	179	145	165		
S. Sharp.	112	149	195	Corrathers	145	170	159		
Scooler...	...	132	121						
Totals..	671	657	837	Totals..	751	780	775		
New York Stores.					Postoffices.				
Wile....	184	133	171	Wright...	127	187	126		
Taylor...	128	104	114	Rose.....	153	213	148		
O'Dell...	130	162	169	Bennett...	182	146	124		
Haggerty	145	131	134	Goory....	154	132	156		
Blank...	125	125	125	Pope.....	124	112	153		
Totals..	662	655	713	Totals..	690	740	707		
Blocks.					Laycocks.				
Roberts...	170	119	111	Bruder...	169	150	192		
McDermd	133	95	131	McKitrick	119	137	96		
Berry....	151	147	99	Kelly.....	163	178	158		
Pagin....	125	157	131	Cook.....	124	139	124		
McCreery.	136	98	98	Myer.....	145	135	185		
Totals..	715	614	670	Totals..	720	739	785		

GERMAN HOUSE LEAGUE.

In the German House Bowling League last night the Bears won straights from the Lambs, and the Cubs ramblod off with the series against the Bulls. Scores:

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