

PIN KNIGHTS READY FIVE-MILE RECORD FOR CITY TOURNEY TAKES A TUMBLE

Bowlers Take Initial Whirl at
Maples in Championship
Events Tomorrow.

Strang Negotiates Distance at
Speedway in the Remarkable
Time of 3:17:70.

MEET CONTINUES TEN DAYS BREAKS ALL WORLD'S MARKS

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can Record for Quarter-
Mile Event.

Today the bowlers of the city are quietly awaiting the opening of the fourth annual handicap tournament of the City Bowling Association like a silent army in its benches awaiting the break of dawn to join the assault on a besieged citadel. At 8 o'clock tomorrow evening at the Marion alleys President A. E. Ingersoll will ring the starter's bell that will send the balls whirling down the sixty feet of maple to crash into as many sets of pins, and the bowlers of the city will go on their way either to make new records or allow their former meets to stand.

Six quintets of the city will see their leader start his ball toward the head pin and hold their breath in expectancy awaiting a strike and dreading to see a split left up by their pacemaker. At 8 p.m. a squad of six two-man teams will appear and after nervously awaiting the lighting in of their balls will go forth in quest of honors of the meet, each confident that he will set new records for the event.

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The glorious 1909 motor car racing season came to a close and passed into history yesterday afternoon at the Speedway, where almost one minute was clipped off the world's record for five miles.

Strang in his Fiat made five miles yesterday in 3:17.70, lowering the former world's record of 4:11.3 that was made last summer at the Speedway by Oldfield in his big Benz car.

Christie lowered his American record for one-quarter of a mile, making the distance in his Christie car yesterday in :08.37, as against his time of :08.78 made Friday. Strang followed him up in short order, and took that plume out of his cap by making the same distance in :08.05.

Strang also established a new Indianapolis Motor Speedway mile mark by going the distance yesterday in :38.21, as against his time of :40.61 made Friday.

Motzinger in his little Empire car made a trial mile test and lowered his mile record made Friday. He made the distance yesterday in 1:17.03. His time Friday was 1:20.46. No other cars were entered yesterday because of the extreme cold.

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The administration of the tourney will be in the hands of the finance and admission committee, as follows: W. J. Myers, chairman; John Wycott, and B. O. Manchester; and the executive officers of the association. E. P. Kryter has been appointed official umpire and the scoring system will be an improvement on former meets.

The meet will be of ten days' duration, the pin lights laying out for Christmas Eve and the two days following, and the tourney will be brought to a close about 11:30 p. m. New Year's day. During the meet the bowlers will batter up something over forty sets of new maple pins.

In view of the fact that the number of entrants in the five-man events is not as great as in former meets, the first four days the bowling will not start as early as formerly and will be brought to a close sooner. The prize list of \$463 of last year is somewhat greater than is offered to the contestants this season, but the money is more evenly distributed. The five-man teams this time will shoot for \$135, while last year they had \$175 up, but nine more quintets were entered. The two-man teams this year are fourteen short and will shoot at \$141, against a sum of \$166 of last year's prize list. The individuals with 133 entrants will have \$114 to contest for, while last year their efforts were rewarded with \$107. The individuals, however, have a chance at the high-score prize of \$5, the same amount as last year, but the prize committee has seen fit to favor the men who have rolled in all events, and have offered \$30 to the three high average men for nine games against a single prize of \$10 offered at the last meet.

Indianapolis League Leads.

The Indianapolis League excels in the number of teams entered in the meet with nine teams to its credit, the Commercial League stands second with seven teams and the Independent League with five quintets to represent it. The Manufacturers' League will be represented on the tournament drives by three and the Central Union have entered an equal number of quintets. One team each has been entered by the Coal Dealers, Pere Marquette and the Business League. The Century Biscuit team, a former manufacturers' and Commercial League team, has made entry to the tournament.

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"While our drivers would be willing to drive in zero weather I won't permit such man-killing work," said one of the local race car builders. "The danger is twofold. The machinery may break because of the intense cold and strain, as Christie's rear spring did yesterday, and then in case of such an accident the driver's strength would be all gone and he would be helpless."

"While I am exceedingly proud of our high records made in this season, yet I am more than ever delighted that this midwinter meet is over," said Carl G. Fisher, president of the Speedway Company, last night. "It was my ambition to have the new season open with Indianapolis holding all of the laurels. We now have a high prize that will make other tracks spin to equal. Not only that, but I am sure we have a track now that will permit much faster time under better weather conditions. I predict marvelous records on this track for next summer."

Small Crow Braves Wind.

To the surprise of the officials and timers they were met at the track by about 150 men and women, who were marching up and down in the spacious grand stand trying to keep from freezing. Four women were in the group of spectators.

The judges and timers went direct to the judges' stand after their arrival at the course, where an old-fashioned coal stove was radiating heat that was welcomed with open arms. No time was lost getting ready for the trials.

All night Friday until 4 o'clock yesterday morning Anthony Scudellary, mechanic for Strang, had worked with the big Fiat car devising some means to keep it warm. He placed a sheet of heavy leather in front of the radiator that kept the cold wind from going back to the carburetor. He also attached a hot air pipe to the carburetor leading from the exhaust pipe and thus the big machine was kept from "freezing up."

Walter Christie and his mechanic, Hughes, took similar precautions. They filled up all of the ventilation holes in the floor of the car. Two valves were off their seats Friday and this defect was remedied and enabled the long nosed black car to make better time yesterday.

One car at a time was put on the track. Christie refused to wear gloves, and as a result suffered from the extreme exposure. The mechanic for Strang caused considerable comment. While the spectators shook at the knees keeping time to the clatter of their teeth, he walked about in a summer shirt and only a summer automobile suit on. He laughed at those who declared their feet were frozen and said, "Why I come from where they raise oranges and yet I am not cold."

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It would be a difficult matter to pick a winner for the meet in view of the fact that the weaker teams receive a most liberal handicap and it would not be an impossible trick for one of the quintets of less prominence to come from behind and with the aid of a handicap, win first place, but as that has never yet occurred it is safe to say that the team that lands at the top will be one of the strong teams rolling at nearly scratch. The Central Unions No. 1 of the Commercial League, who up until last week held the city record for all leagues with 1,063, must be reckoned in the running, and they will compare most favorably with any organization in the big leagues. The Marlons are veterans of many meets, both national and local, and they have a good chance to win.

The Sportsmen, who have the pick of several of the best quintets of former years, have an excellent chance to win. Nearly all of their lineup will be veterans of many frays, who are not given to attacks of "buck" and experienced in hitting new nuples. The Washingtons are touted as a strong team, but with several of their mainstays affiliated with other organizations, their chances of taking first place are slim. The National Autos and the Parrys of the Manufacturers' will each draw a fair handicap and have several times this season placed high marks, but new pins will not drop into the pit with the same ease that league pins of many frays topple. Charles Fields and his Indians are a band that may take the warpath and scalp a few records, but they will not draw a large package in the shape of a handicap.

Hard to Pick Winner.

Among the two-man teams it is also hard to pick a winner, as the team that won last year would never have been picked to even land in the money. Armstrong and Cobler of the Marrott team, who held second position at the close of the last tourney, have again entered the fray and they will most likely make a noise like money before their last pin has toppled. Meyer and Graff of the Sportsmen are veterans of many a match game and tournament, and a team of this caliber will be expected to land well up in the money. The Bumb-Tucker team also will set marks if they roll in their customary form, and the team of Knox-McCullough will also make some of the other teams hustle to catch up.

The individuals have nearly all the high average men of the city to roll against, and it is not easy to say offhand what any of them will be able to do in the crucial moments. William Buddenbaum, who holds the city record for a meet of this kind with 265, rolled last year, has entered this meet, but they say that

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Christie made three circuits on the paved course before he was timed. He stopped and remained behind his steering wheel long enough for the half dozen camera men to take a "shot," and then crawled beneath his car to make an examination.

Breaks One Mile Record.

While Christie was working on his car, Strang was ordered on the course by the starter, Fred J. Wagner of New York. His first time around he made a new Speedway mile record, that of 39.21. Strang also made several trips on the course that the timers did not record, because he wanted to get his engine tuned.

First one, then the other, of the brave pilots would buckle on their goggles and face the long, smooth miles of brick track. The machines roared like angry demons that were being urged against their wills.

An unusual feature concerning the getting of Strang's time on the five-mile trip saved a possible dispute. Wagner, the starter, is an expert with the stop watch. Before the timers in the judges' stand had announced their time Wagner remarked that he had caught a marvelous time. He told what it was. It was only 10-100 lower than the time caught by the electrical device. When this new record was flashed over the wires to Chicago it was unquestioned. The fact that Wagner had caught almost the identical time and the fact that sporting men the world over know him to be strictly honest caused the time to be accepted without a single doubt as soon as his name was mentioned.

E. A. Moross, director of the Speedway contests, spent all day yesterday at the course. Every little detail in connection with the record trials was personally watched by Mr. Moross, who is famous for his ability to promote race meets.

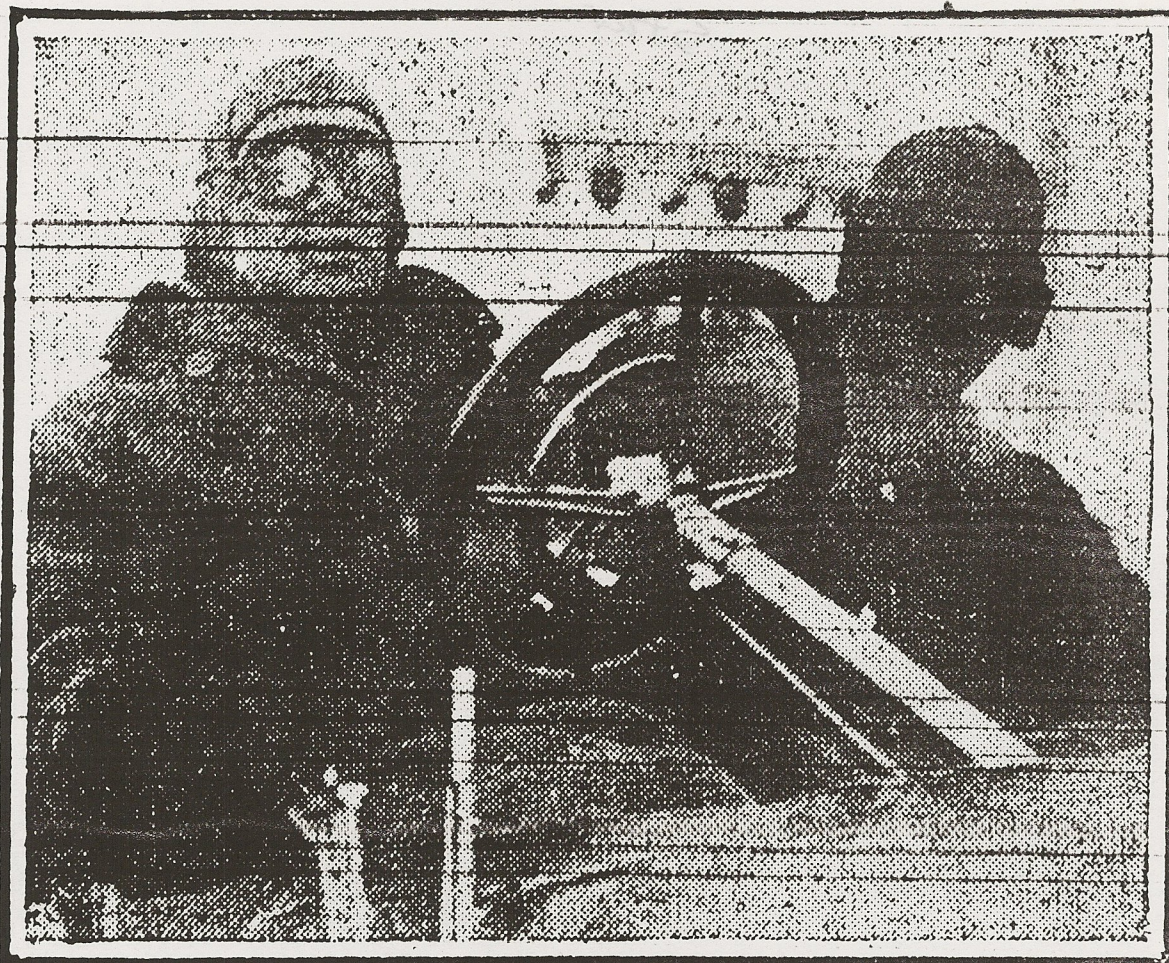
CALLS BALL PLAYER SALE SLAVERY LAW VIOLATION

Manager Clymer Makes Unusual Defense
in Suit Filed to Collect \$200
on Note.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 18.—That the sale of a baseball player from one club to another is a direct violation of the thirteenth amendment to the constitution.

AUTOMOBILES

Famed Auto Driver Finds Air Too Chilly



Louis Strang in his Flat, 200-horse-power machine, with his street overcoat on. "I tried the first race without it, but I find that even it was not enough to

keep me warm," he said when his sensational trial to defeat world's records had been finished Friday at the Speedway.

MEETING CALLED BY AUTO DEALERS

Handy Guide to Lingo of Autoists

Trap—A rural get-rich-quick scheme.
Puncture—A small body of air sur-

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INDIANAPOLIS, SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 10, 1909.

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RAY BRONSON DEPARTS
FOR NEW ORLEANS TODAY

Will Start Active Training for Twenty-
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Next Sunday

Ray Bronson, accompanied by his man-
ager, Frank Lewis, and his trainer, Walter
Brown, will leave for New Orleans this af-
ternoon, where he is to meet Matty Baldwin
for a twenty-round fight next Sunday. Bron-
son is in good shape for his battle as he
has been in and out of the hospital since his
last fight with Alvin Karpis at Dayton.

When Bronson returns to his home in
New Orleans, he will be in a much better
shape than when he left for the fight with
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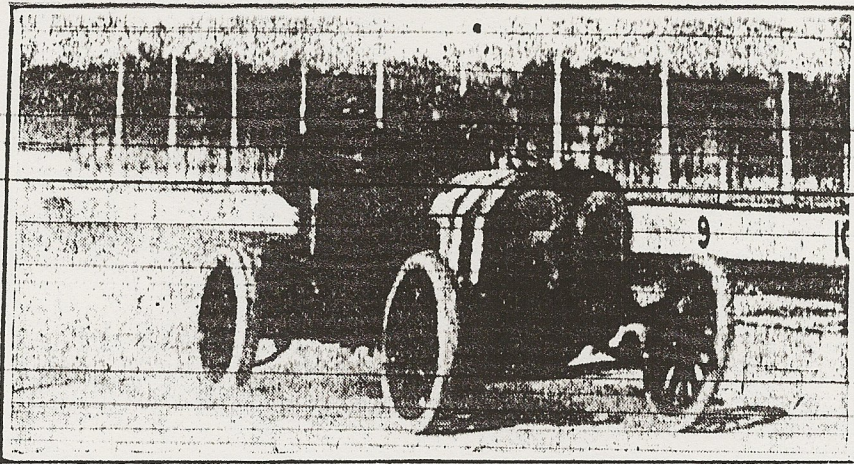
ARCADIA ATHLETICS WINNERS.

Defeat Crawfordville Athletics in Basket-
Ball, 15 to 12.

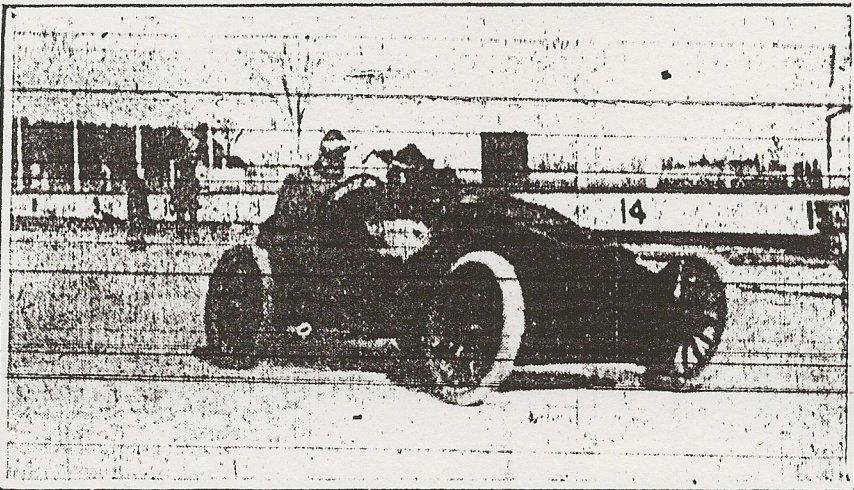
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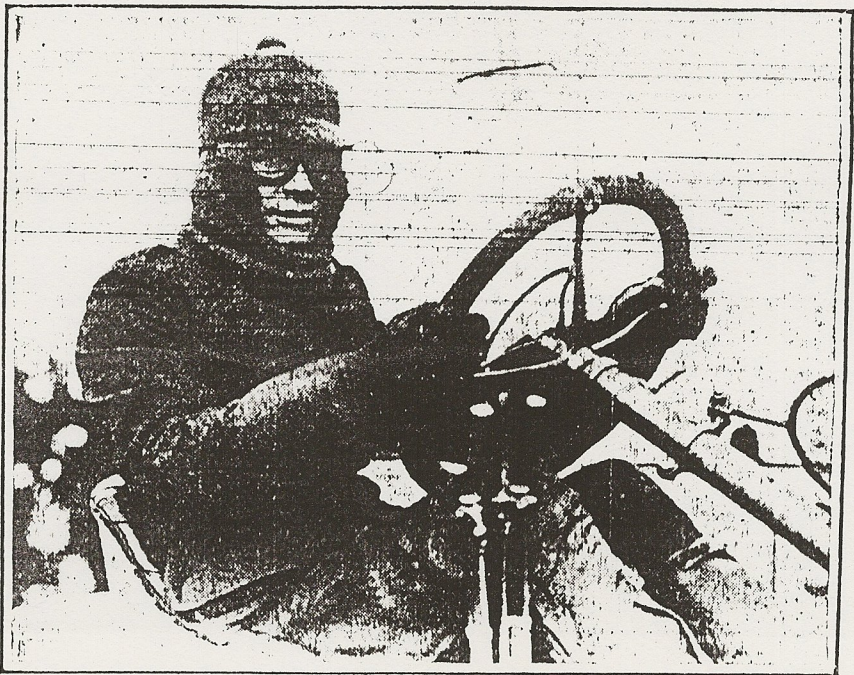
Cars Set World's Automobile Records at the Speedway.



STRANG IN HIS FIAT FINISHING FIVE-MILE TRIAL.



CHRISTIE IN HIS FREAK RACING CAR SETTING QUARTER-MILE RECORD.



JOHNNY AITKEN.

Johnny Aitken won more fame.

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awaiting the opening of the fourth annual
handicap tournament of the City Bowling
Association. The "pinners" are in the
trenches awaiting the break or down to
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Whether a "strike" or "opening" or "screw"
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last year they had \$12.50, but this more
quintets were entered. The two-man
events this year are fourteen short.
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