

# BARNEY TAKES MAIN EVENT

Still Greatest One-mile Track  
Driver in World

Inaugural Sweepstakes go to  
Chevrolet

Frenchman is Kept Busy  
- Smashing Records

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B. Remington Oldfield, oozing culture and castor oil at each pop of his intellectual motor, led the way across the tape in two out of three five-mile heats against Louis Chevrolet at Ascot speedway yesterday. As Mr. Chevrolet broke all world's records from one to ten miles and captured the Inaugural Sweepstakes he may be said to have very nearly evened matters up.

The day's events were dramatic enough to cause Mr. Oldfield's literary soul to throb with artistic ecstasy. Barney won the first heat, Chevrolet took the second and the third and deciding whirl went to the tire-burning journalist in regular Richard Harding Davis style, whereupon the key-pounding speed king retired and watched his rival take the ten-mile invitation.

The mortality among world's records was extremely high. Barney started off in the first heat by cracking the five-mile mark, making it in 3m. 54 3-5s. Chevrolet came right back in the second heat and set records from one to five miles that will stand for some time to come, winning in 3m. 17s. and breaking the one-mile track mark with a third lap in 44 3-5s. Owing to the absence of an electrical timing device the records will not be recognized.

Barney took the pole in the first heat and held it to the finish. Chevrolet's Frontenac undoubtedly had more speed than Barney could mobilize, but the veteran's unmatched skill in taking the turns took the honors. Chevrolet got the pole on the second heat and drove like a wild man, finishing a good quarter of a mile ahead of the well-known literary light.

## WINS TOSS.

Frank Chance, calling for Chevrolet, won the toss for position on the third and deciding heat and the crowd rather expected the brilliant Frenchman to snort around and leave Barney as far behind as he had in the second stanza. But they had not counted on three things—Barney's dramatic instinct, Barney's itching for the \$10,000 prize and Chevrolet's excited right hand.

As the two speed kings got off to their flying start on the opening lap, Barney stepped on the throttle of his nude racer and made a valiant attempt to gain the lead. Chevrolet responded with a burst of speed that temporarily staved off the flying journalist. For the whole first lap, made in 45 4-5 seconds, Barney hung on Chevrolet's flank like a tax collector after a deadbeat.

Then Chevrolet's good right hand did him wrong. In the wild excitement of trying to pump pressure into his gasoline tank with one hand and steer with the other, the Frenchman wrenched the pump completely off and with the pump went his chance to win, for no man can win without pressure in his tank. Barney dashed by like a union laborite at the noon whistle and breezed in ahead by about 500 feet in 3 minutes, 52 3-5 seconds.

It was a thrilling duel between these two experts and, to our modest way of thinking, merely went to show that Barney is the greatest one-mile track driver that ever inhabited the poopdeck of a racing machine. His superb handling of his slower car on the turns was a masterful exhibition to which even the great Frenchman had to do just homage.

## WARMING UP.

Previous to the races both Oldfield and Chevrolet took a few warming up turns around the saucer. After four rounds, Barney drew into the pits and put his mechanics to work taking off the body of his "Golden Submarine." They stripped off the caboose and left it so naked that for a while nobody but movie actors had nerve enough to look at it.

A party named Lew Cody, an inmate of one of the film studios hereabouts, nominated himself to occupy the vacant paw in Chevrolet's Frontenac for a few practice laps. After whizzing past the grandstand some half a dozen times they returned to the pits and Mr. Cody admitted to close friends and associates that among other things his ardor had been dampened in the course of the fast ride.

Chevrolet made up for lost-time in the Inaugural Sweepstakes, a ten-mile invitation event, in which Oldfield, Chevrolet, Eddie Hearne, Tom Milton, Cliff Durant and "Super-Six" White were entered. Mr. Oldfield decided that he had won honor and cash enough and decided to stay out of the race in order to start writing his story for next Sunday's Times Automobile Section.

Hearne's Roamer Special, Chevrolet's Frontenac and Durant's Chevrolet Special occupied the front rank at the start of this event with White's Hudson Special and Tom Milton's Duesenberg in the second row. They got off to a flying start and in the very first round things began to happen which kept the bjawzav throng in a state of near hysterics.

## INTO STRETCH.

As they swung into the home stretch, Chevrolet and Milton came within an ace of crashing together as the Frenchman swooped down the inside of the track. By splendid driving both men straightened out their cars without loss of time, and by the time they passed the stand Chevrolet had taken the lead, which he never lost.

Hearne, Durant and Milton engaged in a terrific struggle for second position, just a few feet behind the flying Frenchman, but their trio was broken up near the end of the fourth mile when Durant, running second, blew a left rear tire coming into the stretch, skidded and brushed Milton, then straightened out. It was a close call and left Hearne and Milton to battle for second money.

Milton drove a really sensational race from this time on and gave Chevrolet quite a brush for first place. The French demon stepped off his ten miles in 7m., 44s., making his last five miles in 3m., 49 3-5s., three seconds faster than Barney's winning time and breaking the records all the way from six to ten miles.

Of Katherine Stinson's flight between the second and third heats of the match race our ancient typewriter's vocabulary is quite inadequate to sing the praises thereof. The slim aviatrix mounted the roaring gale and performed with wonderful grace and skill, winding up her performance with a nose dive from the gallery to the basement that even made Bill Pickens look up and gasp.

## SUMMARY.

Match race, Barney Oldfield (Golden Submarine) vs. Louis Chevrolet (Frontenac) three five-mile heats:

First heat—Won by Oldfield; time by laps, 48 7/8, 47 1/2, 46 3/4, 46 1/2, 47 1/2; total time, 3m. 54 3/5s. New world's record for class B speedway.

Second heat—Won by Chevrolet; time by laps, 46, 45 1/2, 44 1/2, 45 1/2, 45; total time, 3m. 47s. Breaks Oldfield's new record for all five miles.

Third heat—Won by Oldfield; time by laps, 45 1/2, 45 1/2, 45 1/2, 45, 46 1/2; total time, 3m. 52s.

Inaugural handicap, ten miles, Louis Chevrolet (Frontenac) Eddie Hearne (Roamer Special) Cliff Durant (Chevrolet Special) Tom Milton (Duesenberg) Joe White (Hudson Special):

Won by Chevrolet, Milton second, Hearne third; Durant out in fourth mile with blown left rear tire; White out in fifth mile with bad right front tire. Time for five miles, 3m. 54 3/5s.; time for ten miles, 7m. 44s. Breaks all records from six to ten miles for class B speedways.