

CAPE MAY AUTO RACES.

Kilometer Trials Fail to Produce New Record on the Beach.

CAPE MAY, Aug. 25.—The two days automobile meet races over the straightaway tide-washed course here began this morning. The races to-day were devoted to kilometer contests. It was a perfect morning for the events, there being little wind and just an overcast sky to keep off the boiling sun, and the tide was well out and the ocean but little perturbed. The strand was in splendid condition.

Of nine events scheduled for this morning five were run and four had to be postponed because Henry Ford's racer did not arrive from Detroit, Mich., until this afternoon, nor did Louis Chevrolet's Fiat arrive until 5 o'clock this evening; therefore the speed races between these cars, together with Christie and Campbell in the 80 horse-power Darracq racing car, will be run tomorrow, interspersed with the mile contests.

Christie made two trials to-day on the kilometer course with his 120 horse-power car and made the first run in 26 4-5 seconds and the second run in 26 1-5 seconds. Campbell, in the 80 horse-power Darracq, made 23 4-5 seconds and again 25 1-5 seconds, being 1-5 of a second over Christie's course record made here four weeks ago. To-morrow they will all try to beat this time. The event for middleweight cars from a moving start was won by E. Cedrino, with the 24 horse-power Fiat Junior, in 39 1-3 seconds. The second in this race was C. W. Kelsey, who drove his 8 horse-power Maxwell, being the same car which was driven up Mount Washington three weeks ago. The event for gasoline touring cars up to 80 horse-power driven by owner from a moving start was won by Mrs. Clarence Cecil Fieler in her 28 horse-power Packard in 56 seconds. The second was Charles Bachrach, 28 horse-power Packard, 58 seconds.

The event for touring cars up to 30 horse-power, driven by owner or chauffeur from a moving start, ended in a dead heat between the 20 horse-power Pope-Toledo, driven by Sweeney, and C. W. Kelsey's 8 horse-power Maxwell. The dead heat was run off between the two and the Pope-Toledo won in 56 seconds.

The event for gasoline touring cars up to 40 horse-power, driven by owners from a moving start, was won by J. H. Thropp in his 40 horse-power Winton. Time not taken.

The event for touring cars up to 40 horse-power carrying driver and three persons from a moving point was won in the final heat by J. A. Depew in his 40 horse-power Winton in 51 1-5 seconds; J. A. Thropp in his 40 horse-power Winton was second. The event for touring cars up to 50 horse-power or more from standing start was won by J. A. Thropp in his 40 horse-power Winton in 59 seconds; C. J. Swain's 40 horse-power Winton was second. Twenty thousand persons witnessed the race from the boardwalk.