

BIG SPEEDWAY RACE

TRIUMPH FOR YOUNG SCION OF MILLIONS

After two disappointing postponements on account of inclement weather, the big 250-mile automobile race was run on the Cincinnati speedway, October 12, 1919. Fifteen cars lined up for the starter's flag and were sent away with a flying start on the long grind.

Arthur Chevrolet in a Frontenac, driving for his famous brother, Louis Chevrolet, who was severely burned when his car caught fire at Sheephead bay several weeks ago, led the field from the start, but finally was compelled to retire from the race on account of mechanical troubles. A jinx also followed Gaston Chevrolet during the afternoon, and after a half dozen stops at the pits finally went out of the race.

The third member of the Frontenac team, Joe Boyer, driving the same car that won the inaugural race at the opening of the Cincinnati speedway three years ago, proved the master driver of the afternoon, for in a wonderful run of 2 hours 27 minutes 13.29 seconds, averaging 101.83 miles per hour for the race, he covered the terrific grind of 250 miles with only one stop, which he made without losing his position in the race.

Boyer, who is the son of the millionaire president of a Detroit adding machine company, and himself a member of the board of directors, verified his own prediction of victory, in winning the Cincinnati classic. Just before the start of the race he confidently announced to his rivals that he would win the race—and then set out to make good his prophecy. Boyer won by altering his usual racing style. In previous races he has always been noted for his furious driving, which not infrequently caused his car to "break up," eliminating him from the race. But at Cincinnati he set a slower pace and by maintaining it steadily throughout the contest, finished an easy winner.

Despite the fast time of nearly 102 miles an hour, no accident occurred to mar the afternoon's program, the feature of the race being the wonderfully steady and consistent driving of the winner, Joe Boyer. Except for picking up a splinter necessitating a single tire change, his car never so much as hesitated.

With the next race on the concrete speedway at Providence, R. I. the 1919 racing season will end. This final speedway event of the season will be run on October 25, with practically all of the big drivers contending for honors.