

RACING INJURIES CLAIM BAUMANN

Local Driver Dies in Hospital at Kankakee—Hurt on Track Saturday.

Injuries suffered Saturday in a dirt track automobile race at Kankakee, Ill., last night proved fatal to Charles (Dutch) Baumann, 34 years old, Indianapolis race driver.

Baumann died at 8:15 o'clock in St. Mary's hospital in Kankakee.

He had suffered injuries to his chest and right arm, pierced by a fence rail when his car crashed through a fence on the half-mile dirt track at the Kankakee interstate fairgrounds. The accident occurred on a curve in the final lap of a fifteen-mile feature race. When spectators and officials reached Baumann he was unconscious.

Operated Garage Here.

Baumann was born in Indianapolis and had lived in the city all his life. His residence was at 964 North Bradley avenue and he operated a garage at Tenth street and Bradley avenue. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Beulah Baumann; a son, Charles Jr., 4 years old; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albin Baumann; four

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brothers, Adolph, Louis, William and Henry Baumann, and three sisters, Mrs. Mark Bottema, Mrs. Charles Koerner and Mrs. Amelia Boeing. All live in Indianapolis.

Eight years ago Baumann started his racing career as a protege of Arthur Chevrolet, veteran driver and race car designer and builder. He soon attained prominence as a daring, heady pilot and had driven on most of the better known dirt tracks in America. Baumann was considered as one of the leaders in dirt track racing and was a consistent winner.

Raced at Speedway.

As a driver for Chevrolet, Baumann was entered in the annual 500-mile races at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in 1927 and 1928. He made a creditable showing, but on each occasion was forced to drop out because of trouble with his car. Two years ago he purchased his own car and had driven under his own entry since.

Baumann's wife and son, parents and brothers, Louis and Henry, were at his bedside when he died.

An inquest will be held at Kankakee at 10 o'clock this morning, after which the body will be brought to Indianapolis for burial. Plans for funeral services have not been completed.