

WEBB JAY, THE BRIGHT STAR

Driver of the White Steamer Makes a Veritable Clean-Up at Morris Park 2-Day Meet and Cuts Mile Record to Surprising Figure of 48½ Seconds

Morris Park Race Track, N. Y., July 4—Special Telegram—Webb Jay and his famous White steamer was the bright particular star of the 2-day meeting of the American Automobile Association at this track yesterday and today. Aside from winning the Thomas inter-club trophy for the Chicago Automobile Club, he won three regular events, beating Chevrolet, Christie, Sartori, Roberts and others. Best of all, he demonstrated the wonderful power of his speed creation by traveling a mile 48 3-5 seconds against the best previous world's record of 52 1-5 seconds by Chevrolet. He was a popular favorite with the crowd.

Monday was a day of accidents and fast time. Tires and a sharp turn caused most of the former, and every time a shout arose every spectator looked to see a tire roll off and a car go through the fence.

Against Father Time, Jay traveled the last mile of his race with Chevrolet in 49 3-5 seconds, while Christie's new 120-horsepower front and rear drive racer went in 52 1-5 seconds, equaling the world's mark held by Chevrolet. Jay won three events, including the heat for the Thomas trophy. When practicing before the first race a tire collapsed on Dan Wurgis' Reo Bird as it was rounding the turn, and it quickly dashed over the high banking. Wurgis jumped and escaped unharmed, while all four wheels on the car crushed as the machine came to the ground. The motor and frame were not damaged.

Webb Jay with his White steamer, Chevrolet in the Fiat, Sartori with a Fiat, and Roberts with the Thomas racer started in the heavy-weight championship, and Jay won easily. Rounding the upper turn Sartori got into a cloud of dust, although a dust-laying compound known as "Glutrose" had been put on the track, and before he could stop his car it went through the fence. Sartori was thrown, but was unhurt. The bonnet, wheels and axles of the car were smashed. A piece of the fence flew 20 feet and struck 16-year-old Joe Holihan, who was perched on the rail, after having jumped the outside fence to see the races, and he suffered a broken ankle and a cut head. On the next round the tire on the right driving wheel of the Thomas car came off and rolled over the bank. Then the wheel collapsed and only the axle stub was left. Roberts managed the car well, but when it stopped he was badly shaken up and was not himself for a couple of hours.

Jay easily defeated Chevrolet in two races, and the latter said he was doing his best. Christie was going faster than Jay, when a punctured tire put him out of the race, and Jay took the first heat for the Thomas trophy. On Tuesday Jay went against Christie instead of Chevrolet, whose Fiat had suffered a cracked cylinder. He won the first heat easily. In the second Jay jumped to the front, but on the back stretch Christie went by at lightning speed. On the turn for the last lap Christie's rear engine stopped and he slowed down enough to allow Jay to cut into the pole and go to the front, winning by 20 seconds from the New Yorker.

The summary is as follows, in which it should be noted that one lap equals 1.39 miles.

THE FIRST DAY

Light middle-weight novice handicap, one lap—Won by E. Parker, 24-horsepower Fiat, scratch; Frank Leland, 7-horsepower Stevens-Duryea, 45 seconds, second. Time, 1:38 3-5. Won by 300 yards.

Heavy-weight Championship, four laps, 5.56 miles—Won by Webb Jay, 15-20-horsepower White; Louis Chevrolet, Major C. J. S. Miller's 90-horsepower Fiat, second. Time, 5:01. Won by 450 yards. Jay's last mile in 0:49 3-5.

One-mile motor cycle time trial—Paul Brayere; time, 1:06. Former record, 1:11.

Tourists' novelty race, three laps, 4.17 miles—Won by W. W. Swan, 12-horsepower Decauville. Time, 8:45. A. L. Kull, 16-horsepower Wayne, finished first, but was disqualified for not coming to a dead stop to unload passengers.

Diamond cup, free-for-all, four laps, 5.56 miles—Won by Webb Jay, 15-20-horsepower White; Louis Chevrolet, Major C. J. S. Miller's 90-horsepower Fiat, second. Time, 5:06 4-5 seconds. Won by 300 yards.

Chicago Automobile Club versus Automobile Club of America, 4 laps, 5.56 miles, for the Harold E. Thomas inter-club trophy—Won by Webb Jay, Chicago Automobile Club, 15-20-horsepower White. Time, 5:55 4-5. Walter Christie, Automobile Club of America, led for a lap and a half, then punctured a tire and was forced to stop.

Unlimited pursuit race—Guy Vaughn, 40-horsepower Decauville, caught Eddie Bald, 35-40-horsepower Columbia in three and one-third laps. Time, 5:21. Final heat won by Alfred Comacho, 12-horsepower Franklin, scratch; Frank Leland, 7-horsepower Stevens-Duryea, 30 minutes, second; W. W. Swan, 12-horsepower Decauville, 5 seconds, third. Time, 7:11 4-5.

Trial for mile flying start record—Walter Christie, 120-horsepower front and rear drive Christie; time, :52 1-5.

THE SECOND DAY

Middle-weight championship, three laps—Won by E. Parker, 24-horsepower Fiat; Guy Vaughn, 40-horsepower Decauville, second. Time, 4:10 2-5.

Cracker handicap, three laps—Won by Harry Hill, 30-horsepower Smith & Mabley Simplex, 30 seconds; Guy Vaughn, 40-horsepower Decauville, scratch, second; Frank Leland, 7-horsepower Stevens-Duryea, 3 minutes 30 seconds, third.

National circuit championship—Cylinder cracked on Chevrolet's Fiat just before the start. Jay with White steamer went one lap for a walkover to score points.

One mile record trials—Webb Jay, 15-horsepower White steamer, time, :48 4-5, world's record; previous record :52 1-5, by Chevrolet; Guy Vaughn, 40-horsepower Decauville, time, :58 2-5; E. Parker, 24-horsepower Fiat, time, :55 4-5, world's record for middle-weights, previous record :59, by Bernin.

Chicago Automobile Club versus Automobile Club of America for Thomas trophy, first heat, Monday, Jay beat Christie. Second heat, four laps—Won by Walter Christie, 120-horsepower Christie; Webb Jay, 15-horsepower White, second. Time, 5:14 4-5. Christie's mile of the second lap was made in :50 1-5. Third heat, four laps—won by Webb Jay, 15-horsepower White; Walter Christie, 120-horsepower Christie, second. Time, 5:20 1-5.

On Historic Speedway

Chicago, Ill., July 5—At the second annual meet of the Chicago Motor Cycle Club, held on the cement track at Garfield park yesterday, George H. Curtiss, of Hammondsport, N. Y., riding a Curtiss, in an exhibition trial covered 5 miles in 5:25, the world's track record.

H. A. Herbel, of Milwaukee, won the first race, at five miles, in 6:51¾, using a Merkel. His nearest competitor, A. Herb, of Muskegon, Mich., riding an Indian, was a minute behind. P. E. Mack, of Milwaukee, after riding 6 miles in the championship race, was thrown from his machine by colliding with a dog.

Delegations of motor cyclists from New York, Milwaukee, Muskegon and Chicago participated in the events of the day.

The summary is as follows:

Five miles, for machines under 110 pounds—Won by H. A. Zerbel, Indian; A. Harb, Indian, second; Charles W. Van Sickle, Indian, third. Time, 6:51 3-5.

Fifteen miles, for machines over 110 pounds—Won by P. E. Mack, Davidson; Walter Davidson, second; J. A. Turner, Landgraf, third. Time, 19:05 3-5.

Ten-mile championship, for members only—Won by M. Morrison, Orient; Charles W. Van Sickle, Indian, second; Grant W. Hunter, Indian, third. Time, 13:41.

Five-mile handicap, for machines under 110 pounds—Won by Charles W. Van Sickle, Indian; A. Harb, Indian, second; G. H. Gardner, Whipple, third. Time, 7:07 1-5.

Ten miles, for machines over 110 pounds—Won by Walter Davidson, Davidson; M. Morrison, Orient, second; J. A. Turner, Landgraf, third. Time, 14:05 2-5.