

SEPTEMBER 20, 1919.

LOUIS CHEVROLET WINS SPEEDWAY TEN-MILE RACE

Ralph Mulford and Mechanic
Plunge Off Track, Escaping
Death by Miracle.

AUTOMOBILE OVERTURNED FROM TIRE TROUBLE.

Louis Chevrolet, driving a Frontenac Special, was the winner of the ten-mile special race at Sheepshead Speedway. The event was run in three ten-mile heats and Chevrolet won two heats, the other going to Ralph Mulford.

The thousands of racing fans who thronged the big motordrome today were brought to their feet with gasps of fear when Ralph Mulford and his mechanic, James Lee, narrowly escaped death in a spectacular plunge at Death Curve, following a blowout.

Mulford's Duesenberg Special was completely out of control, although the famous pilot did some great work at the wheel, which saved both his and his mechanic's lives.

From the top of the steeply banked curve down to the bottom of the track the big racer plunged after the tire blew out. Then back up to the upper rim of the track it lunged again, tearing off the top railing for several feet and thrilling the thousands of spectators who held their breaths in expectancy of seeing the machine dash over the top and kill its occupants.

Just Escapes Collision.

As Mulford's car again dashed for the bottom of the banked turn Ralph De Palma came tearing around the turn and narrowly escaped a collision. It was another thrill for the spectators. De Palma swung his speeding racer on two wheels and wound the machine around Mulford's car, missing it by inches.

Mulford's accident occurred in the final lap of the third heat. Louis Chevrolet won in five minutes, thirty-eight and two-fifths seconds. His brother, Gaston Chevrolet, was second and De Palma a close third.

The second heat was the fastest, Mulford winning in five minutes, twenty-four and one-fifth seconds for the ten miles. Louis Chevrolet was second and Gaston Chevrolet third.

Louis Chevrolet won the first heat in five minutes, thirty and four-fifths seconds. The finish was most spectacular, with Joe Boyer's Duesenberg Special only inches behind Chevrolet and Gaston Chevrolet a close third. De Palma was forced to quit after the third lap on account of engine trouble. Mulford was a poor fourth on account of motor trouble.

Greatest Crowd Ever.

The crowd at Sheepshead today is said to be the largest that ever attended a motor race at the famous Speedway. Between forty and fifty thousand racing enthusiasts were packed in the big grandstand and around the track enclosure.

The entrants in the 10 mile classic follow:—

Driver.	Car.
Ralph de Palma.....	Packard
Tommy Milton.....	Duesenberg
Ralph Mulford.....	Duesenberg-Frontenac
Ray Howard.....	Frontenac
Ira Vall.....	Philbrin Special
Joe Boyer.....	Duesenberg
Louis Chevrolet.....	Frontenac
Gaston Chevrolet.....	Frontenac
Dennis Hickey.....	Stickle
Leutenant Klein.....	Peugeot
Dave Lewis.....	Meteor
Joe Thomas.....	Mercer
Toland Nicholson.....	Hudson Special
Bennett Hill.....	Aetna
Emil Thomas.....	Wehr Special
H. F. Alexander.....	Alexander Special
Nick Zwick.....	White Special
Tom Archibald.....	Aetna
William Vetere.....	Duesenberg
Eddie O'Donnell.....	Frontenac