

IRA VAIL SHOWS SPEED

Markham's Cole in Front of Steven's Mercer in Speedy Stock Car Race.

Before the largest crowd that ever gathered at Oriental Park, Joe Boyer, young Detroit millionaire who races the modern cars of Juggernaut for the love of sport alone, triumphed over Ralph DePalma in what was probably the most sensational motor race ever contested over a dirt track. Boyer, a brilliant performer one day, who wins a big speedway race over a picked field of the world's greatest pilots and then the next time out finishes indifferently, is a temperamental fellow. He has to have the fire of conquest in his blood to send his car at winning speed.

The other drivers know Boyer to be invincible when he wants to drive when he has the feel of the speed in his being. Yesterday was Boyer's day with his own car having a bullet ready for the machine shop bone. Boyer finally got onto the secret of Louis Chevrolet's number 5 Frontenac to which he fell heir. On Saturday when he outdrove DePalma in the one mile dash the wisecracks of the racing game tipped Boyer as the man who would give DePalma the race of his life Sunday.

In the handicap event Boyer met DePalma. But for the first five of the ten miles Boyer's car behaved like a talky mule. When he did get going right he caught DePalma but with Tommy Milton out in front so far that neither could get close to him at the finish. Boyer decided to bide his time and wait until the 20 mile Cuban Derby was run.

DePalma went around the field at the start, with Boyer on the pole at the start. That must have aroused the fire in the young sportsman. Twice he caught and passed DePalma only to be passed again by the wonderful Italian.