

MILTON LOWERS DIRT TRACK HUNDRED MILE RECORD FIVE MINUTES

Tommy Milton, driving a Deussenberg Special, broke another world's record yesterday afternoon when he circled the state fair grounds track 100 times in 1 hour 24 minutes and two-fifths seconds, lowering Eddie Hearne's time by 5 minutes 8 2-5 seconds.

Gaston Chevrolet, piloting a Monroe Special, showed great speed for the first half, leading Milton by an eighth of a lap until fouled spark plugs sent him into the pit on the forty-eighth lap. Chevrolet missed one and one-half laps and got away to a second start, traveling at a terrific rate of speed for seven laps, when a cracked cylinder put him out of the race.

Omar Toft looked good at the start, leading the field on the first lap and holding a fast pace on the second turn. Toft's engine was not hitting as it should and the local driver fell behind, but finished second when Chevrolet dropped out of the race.

The race was the speediest ever held at the state fair grounds. It was not sensational, but held the crowd on edge until Chevrolet was out. After that it was the crowd's desire to see Milton lower the dirt track record rather than interest in the car circling the oval.

In drawing for position Chevrolet drew the pole position, with Milton in the center and Toft on the outside. The trio circled the track with a great burst of speed, Chevrolet gradually gaining on Toft and Milton. On the thirteenth mile Chevrolet passed Toft for one complete lap and Milton gained a full lap on Omar at the sixteenth mile. On the twenty-sixth mile Milton and Chevrolet gained a second lap on Toft. When the racers passed the thirty-ninth mile Milton opened the Deussenberg and gained on Chevrolet; he gained on every lap until Chevrolet went into the pit on the forty-eighth mile. Gaston lost one and one-half laps on the first stop and gained one-half lap before dropping out.

On the fifty-ninth mile Milton passed Toft for the third complete lap, again passing the local driver on the seventy-fourth lap. Toft picked up a little speed, but his engine was not working properly and Milton took another complete lap on the ninetieth mile, finishing five and three-quarter laps ahead of Toft at the finish.

The time for the first 10 miles was 8 minutes and 24 seconds, the fastest lap being turned in this part of the grind when Milton circled the oval in 47 seconds flat.

Milton's time, as given for each five miles, was as follows:

Five miles—4 min. 16 sec.
 Ten miles—8 min. 24 sec.
 Fifteen miles—12 min. 32 sec.
 Twenty miles—16 min. 42 1-5 sec.
 Twenty-five miles—20 min. 52 1-5 sec.
 Thirty miles—25 min. 2 sec.
 Thirty-five miles—29 min. 14 4-5 sec.
 Forty miles—33 min. 28 sec.
 Forty-five miles—37 min. 43 sec.
 Fifty miles—42 min. 58 sec.
 Fifty-five miles—46 min. 12 2-5 sec.
 Sixty miles—50 min. 24 sec.
 Sixty-five miles—54 min. 38 1-5 sec.
 Seventy miles—58 min. 48 3-5 sec.
 Seventy-five miles—63 min. 12 5 sec.
 Eighty miles—67 min. 14 2-5 sec.
 Eighty-five miles—71 min. 27 3-5 sec.
 Ninety miles—75 min. 38 3-5 sec.
 Ninety-five miles—79 min. 53 2-5 sec.
 One hundred miles—1 hr. 24 min. 2-5 sec.

Toft made a good race despite engine trouble, but he refused to quit, and made good time when the engine hit in order.

Milton drove a consistent race over the hundred miles, his time varying a few seconds to the lap. He traveled a terrific speed for a dirt track and his new honors were well earned. Milton wins the \$10,000 cash prize and the diamond-studded medal given by Barney Oldfield.

A crowd estimated at 10,000 swarmed into the grounds, with every available grand stand seat occupied long before the starter dropped the flag. Thousands stood in the aisles and crowded the roofs of the fair ground buildings in an effort to see the speed demons burn the dust. Judging from the number of private automobiles parked in the grounds and along the road leading to the fair grounds, Phoenix can boast an automobile to every two or three inhabitants. Visitors from every section of the state attended the races and the valley had its quota of auto fans in attendance.

The dirt track record which was lowered here yesterday afternoon was made by Eddie Hearne on the local track in November, 1919. Hearne circled the 100 miles in 1 hour 29 minutes and 9 seconds.

Frank G. Lowrey, A. A. A. official, had charge of yesterday's races, which were held under Three A rules, the cars getting away from a standing start. Bill Pickins, one of the best-known racing men in the country, arranged the race.