

## AUTOMOBILE TOPICS

July 13, 1918.

### DE PALMA CAPTURES LIBERTY HANDICAP

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**Wins 100 Mile Race Almost Lap Ahead  
of Tom Milton at Cincinnati on July  
4—Ralph Mulford Third, with Old-  
field Half Mile Back.**

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Ralph De Palma piloted his Packard car home first in the Liberty Handicap, held July 4, at Cincinnati, on the Sharonville Speedway, almost two miles ahead of his nearest opponent, Tommy Milton. De Palma's average speed was 104 miles an hour. He drove a steady, consistent race, and his usual hard luck was lacking, as he did not have to stop during the entire race. Ralph Mulford came in third, just a little behind Milton, while Barney Oldfield was a half-mile behind, in fourth place.

Nine starters were forced to quit the race before the finish, due to engine troubles, and Louis Chevrolet and D. L. Thompson were forced off the course by the crowd which had pushed down on the track. In spite of this Chevrolet finished sixth. Denny Hickey, after repeated engine trouble, took fifth place. De Palma's victory marked the second 100-mile event he has won in three starts this year. The first was at New York in the postponed Memorial Day races.

The Liberty Handicap purse was \$30,000, to be divided among the first five who finished. In the Cincinnati Handicap, at ten miles in three heats, Chevrolet was first, Boyer second, Mulford third and Resta fourth. In the Liberty Handicap the first five finished in the following time:

Ralph De Palma, Packard, 57:02; Tom Milton, Duesenberg, 59:30; Ralph Mulford, Frontenac, 59:50; Barney Oldfield, Oldfield Special, 1 hour and 30 seconds; Denny Hickey, Hudson, 1 hour and 1 minute.