

OTHERS ARE INJURED ON INDIANAPOLIS SPEEDWAY

Drivers Thurman and Lecocq and a Mechanician, Bandini, Lose Lives in 500-Mile International Contest Viewed by Crowd Estimated at 125,000.

HEARNE SECOND, GOUX
THIRD, GUYOT FOURTH

De Palma, Sixth, After Shattering Track's Records First 200 Miles; Several Cars Turn Over, Two Men Were Burned to Death.

By the Associated Press.

INDIANAPOLIS, May 31.—Howard Wilcox of Indianapolis, today won the seventh annual International Sweepstakes Race of 500 miles at the Motor Speedway, his time for the distance being 5:44:21.75. Two drivers, Arthur Thurman and Louis Lecocq, and a mechanic, R. Bandini, were killed during the contest, and two others were injured.

As a result of his victory, Wilcox wins a prize of \$20,000. Fifty thousand dollars was divided among the first 10 drivers. The other prize winners finished in the order named: Hearne, Goux, Guyot, Alley, De Palma, L. Chevrolet, Vail, G. Chevrolet and Thomas.

Wilcox and Guyot were teammates. Wilcox assumed the lead as the contest approached the half way mark and drove consistently throughout. He had two stops, once for a tire change, and on the other occasion to take on gasoline, oil, water, and to repair a loose steering knuckle. His average was 87.12 miles per hour.

Do Palma Shatters Records.

All records for the Indianapolis Speedway were shattered by Ralph De Palma for the first 200 miles. Long stays in the pits, however, put the Italian driver almost entirely out of the running, and it only was by terrific speed that he managed to finish sixth. He barely nosed out L. Chevrolet.

Arthur Thurman, driving a car he had reassembled himself, was killed when his machine turned over on the back stretch before the race had progressed 250 miles. He was dead when found. His mechanic received a fractured skull and was rushed to a hospital, where he was operated on immediately.

Louis Lecocq and his assistant, R. Bandini, were burned to death when their car turned over and caught fire. The accident happened on the north turn and the machine rolled over three times before it stopped, planting both driver and mechanic under it.

Frenchmen's Showing.

The showing of a number of Frenchmen, made favorites at the start because of their sensational work in practice, was a disappointment to a crowd estimated at 125,000. The terrific pace at the start, however, in which they were consistently among the leaders resulted in many stops.

Wilcox has partaken in every 500-mile race held at the Indianapolis Speedway. It was his first victory. Of the six half-thousand mile grinds—the sixth sweepstakes was for a distance of 300 miles—three local drivers have finished first. Ray Harroun won in 1911 and Joe Dawson in 1912.

The race was one of the most sensational ever held here. Broken steering knuckles, the loss of wheels, two cars overturning without serious injury and the loss of exhaust pipes kept the crowd on edge from start to finish. The electrical timing device was broken when one car, putting in minus a front wheel, caught the wire and tore it from its connection. This happened in the last 50 miles of the race.

At no time was the field strung out, not more than two minutes separating the winner and the second man. The remainder of the field was proportionately bunched.

Time and Average.

Wilcox's time was 5:44:21.75, average, 87.12 miles. Hearne's was 5:46:15.05, average, 86.04. Goux's time, 5:50:49.90, average, 85.51. Albert Guyot's time, 5:53:33.50; average, 84.85. Tom Alley's time, 6:06:54.35; average 81.26 miles. De Palma's time, 6:10:10.92; average, 81.04 miles.

Others finishing among the first 10 were: Seventh, L. Chevrolet; time 6:11:46.33; eighth, D. Hickey; time 6:14:38.62; ninth, G. Chevrolet; time 6:15:14.88; tenth, Rene Thomas, time 6:26:27.89.

Bablot's car, driven by J. Chassagne, his relief driver, also turned over. A. Romiguire, mechanic, was injured. Chassagne was hurt slightly.

Various difficulties put the cars driven by Barrant and Klein out of the race, also.

The standing at 375 miles was Wilcox, Hearne, G. Chevrolet, Goux and Alley.

When Wilbur d'Alene drove on the track shortly before the end of the 350-mile point, there remained 16 cars on the track.

Wilcox was leading at the end of 400 miles, having made the distance in 4:27:14.02, or an average of 89.81 miles an hour. Hearne was second and G. Chevrolet third.

L. Chevrolet, relieved G. Chevrolet and was in third place. From third position to tenth the standing in order was Goux, Alley, De Palma, Boillot, Wagner, Cooper and Vail, at the 400-mile point. Wilcox was three laps ahead.

At 300 miles the standing in order was: Wilcox, Gaston Chevrolet, Cooper, Hearne and Boillot.

At 275 miles Wilcox led, with others in order being G. Chevrolet, E. Cooper, L. Chevrolet, Guyot, Boillot, Alley, Goux, Vail and D'Alene. The average speed was 91.3 miles an hour. De Palma had considerable tire trouble, and lost 25 miles while at the pits, making changes.

After the accident to Lecocq's car the speed became slower. The time for 325 miles was 3:27:07.10, or an average of 89.81 miles an hour. Leaders at that point were Wilcox, G. Chevrolet, Hearne, Cooper, Boillot, Goux and Alley. Seventeen cars remained in the race when 300 miles was run.

De Palma led at the first 100 miles. Bablot was second and L. Chevrolet third. G. Chevrolet was fourth. All previous records of the speedway for that distance were broken, the average speed being 92.70 miles an hour.

At 200 miles, G. Chevrolet had to stop at the pit and changed from first to third position. De Palma took the lead by the change, with Wilcox second. Others in order were L. Chevrolet, E. Cooper, Lecocq and Hearne. The average speed was 91.20 miles an hour.

The race, the first held at the Speedway since 1915, started under a sweltering sun at 11 o'clock this morning. Thirty-three drivers qualified for the start.

The race began with a flying start, the first lap being paced by a car not entered in the contest. The lap did not count in the number to be made. The drivers who complete the race must go around the brick paved course 200 times.

The front row line-up just placed

Thomas, Wilcox, Guyot and DePalma in that row. Earl Cooper led by a yard at the end of the first lap and DePalma at the second round. At the end of the first 50 miles DePalma led, Wilcox second, Thomas third. Speed then was 92.14 miles an hour. The speed on the first lap was 85.18 miles an hour. The average for the first 10 miles was 73.06 miles. Boillet was left at the post at the start for half a lap, but got away in a sprint to catch the field. W. W. Brown pulled into the pits in the eleventh lap with broken connecting rod. At 75 miles Boyer went into pit on three wheels and was declared out of the race.