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Gaston Chevrolet Winner At Columbus Sweepstakes

Shatters Records at Triangular Race
Meet, Maintaining Lead from
Start to Finish

COLUMBUS, Aug. 2—Gaston Chevrolet in his Frontenac, with which he won the 500-mile sweepstakes at Indianapolis in 1920, was the winner in the triangular race meet at the Columbus Driving park yesterday. The race meet was between Chevrolet, Tommy Milton in his Duesenberg and Ralph Mulford in his Monroe. Records were shattered at the race. The 100 miles was negotiated in 1 hour, 29 min. and 23 sec., which is just 2 min. and 7 sec. less than the world's dirt track record made by Tom Alley at Minneapolis, July 4, 1914.

Chevrolet drove such a steady race that records for every 10 miles were smashed. At no time was Chevrolet in danger of losing the lead. Milton, who was the only other contestant to finish was lapped four times during the contest and was more than four miles in the rear when Chevrolet crossed the tape.

Jinx Gets Mulford

Mulford was in tough luck as a piston broke when the first half lap was covered and he limped back to the pits. He could not re-enter the race as no replacement parts were on hand and he was compelled to see the other two contestants fight for the title of champion of dirt track racing.

Fully 18,000 people witnessed the contest which was under the auspices of the Columbus Automobile club. Sanction was secured from the A. A. A. and it was the plan to settle the championship of the three racing kings. The start was paced by Barney Oldfield who came down from Cleveland to witness the affair. The start was made twice as Mulford had tire trouble on the first lap and the other two drivers were called back for another start.

No trouble of any kind either tire or engine occurred on the cars of Chevrolet or Milton. It was a steady grind from the start with Chevrolet leading at every lap. The prize of \$250 given for the first lap was won by Chevrolet as was the \$100 prize for the winner of each 10 miles. Thus Chevrolet was the winner of \$11,150 as the main purse was \$10,000 all for the winner.

Milton made an exhibition mile previous to the start of the main event in 50 sec. flat which was one of the fastest miles ever driven on the track.