

Arthur Chevrolet in Smashup at Speedway

Monroe Driver in Methodist Hospital Suffering From Injuries Received When Ballot Buggy, Driven by Thomas, Crashes Into Him After Puncturing a Tire—No One Else Hurt—Wrecked Cars Expected to Be Ready for Race.

Arthur Chevrolet is in the Methodist hospital painfully injured as a result of a sensational smashup in which Chevrolet, Thomas and DePalma were prominent figures at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway yesterday afternoon. The drivers were tuning up their cars for the 500-mile dash for \$70,000 to be held at the Speedway a week from today.

Chevrolet driving a Monroe, DePalma a Ballot and Thomas a Ballot were speeding around the saucer at a ninety-five-mile-an-hour clip. They were well bunched with Thomas slightly in the lead as the cars entered the south turn. DePalma was on his heels and Chevrolet was close behind.

Thomas Blows Tire.

Thomas punctured a right rear tire and skidded up into the wall. While he was ascending DePalma rushed his car past, missing the runaway car by inches. After hitting the wall Thomas a Ballot turned around four times, and Chevrolet was riding the top of the wall in an attempt to clear. It appeared as though Chevrolet would escape the Ballot when it made a final turn, shooting its tail directly in the path of the Monroe. The Monroe hit head on, rose in the air, hit the wall and rolled to the bottom of the track, with the Ballot, the French car, in flames.

Chevrolet's face was badly cut from contact with the track when his car turned over and was injured about the chest from the steering wheel. His

riding mate, Marcelle Chevenux, was uninjured. Neither Thomas or his mechanic, Fernard Rennard, were injured.

The stands were empty and the accident was witnessed only by a few railbirds, who rushed to the scene. The flaming Ballot was extinguished with sand and hand fire extinguishers and Chevrolet was rushed to the City hospital, from where he was removed later.

Expect to Repair Cars.

The Monroe was damaged, but it was said last night that it would probably be ready to start the race. The Ballot will be on the track in a day or so.

Jean Porporato and Jack Scales, who will drive Gregoire, arrived yesterday. Their cars are due today. Porporato drove here in 1915 in a Sunbeam. Scales is a jovial Englishman who has been connected with Fiat for years. His last racing appearance was at the French Grand Prix in 1914. He says the main reason he was so anxious to enter the race was that he wanted "to see America." This is his first trip to the states and he was much impressed. When toured around the track yesterday he expressed himself as well pleased with the 2½-mile saucer. Their only mechanic is Eugene Fleury. Porporato is an Italian; Scales an Englishman and Fleury a Frenchman. They present a peculiar appearance. Scales is the interpreter for the crowd as he speaks English, Italian and French.

Barney Oldfield's Special arrived yesterday along with John Boling's Richard's Special.