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PICKENS IS WASHED OF RACING SINS

Contest Board of American Automobile Association Restores Him to Good Standing — Penalties Imposed on Drivers at Unsanctioned Meets.

"Bill" Pickens, otherwise W. H. Pickens, formerly manager of Barney Oldfield, is to come back into the fold with the consent of the contest board of the American Automobile Association. Those who have followed automobile racing in this country will remember that Pickens was long a contest board unto himself, and for that reason was indefinitely suspended by the A. A. A. on October 19, 1910. Pickens will be in good standing on January 1. Whether he will have anything to do with the Tucson race on January 1 is not yet known.

After it had been decided to receive Pickens again the contest board busied itself with a number of suspensions. For taking part in the unsanctioned hill climb at Newport, Ind., on October 7 and 8, four drivers were disqualified until January 1, 1916. They are Arthur Chevrolet, W. D. Helmick, Homer Gregg and H. L. Johnson. The others who took part in the contest were rendered ineligible for registration for participation in future events sanctioned by the A. A. A.

E. A. McGoldrick, a registered driver, was disqualified and suspended until January 1, 1916, also. McGoldrick's sentence is due to his having participated in an unsanctioned track meet at Spokane, Wash., on September 7, and in an unsanctioned road race at Walla Walla seven days later. Herb Alderson, who also raced at the Spokane meet, was disqualified for the same period. For violation of rule 75 of the contest rules the Metz Co., of Waltham, Mass., was disqualified and suspended until January 1, 1916.
