

SUNBEAMS FLASH NEW RECORD TIME

Belgian Driver Sends Car
Around Speedway Saucer at
115 Miles an Hour.

CHEVROLET EQUALS MARK

The fastest two miles ever reeled off by a light car on any track in the world was made yesterday afternoon in the elimination trials for the Astor cup race at the Sheephead Bay Speedway. Christiaens and Chevrolet, drivers of twin Sunbeams, were the stars of the day. Each man drove his roaring car around the two mile board saucer in one minute two and four-fifths seconds, making a speed of 115 miles an hour.

During the afternoon all but a few of the drivers were on the track, for tomorrow morning, before the start of the big race, is the only other opportunity to qualify the cars. The terrific speed made during the afternoon was due to the fact that only thirty-two of the thirty-seven cars entered in the race can compete. Consequently most of the drivers got all the speed there was in their machines. The cars with the least speed will be dropped, even though they travel over the required ninety miles an hour.

Resta Takes One Spin.

Dario Resta, whose Peugeot is regarded as one of the strongest contenders, came out on the track early in the afternoon and burned around at the rate of 111 miles an hour. He then put his machine up for the day, and sat down to watch the two Sunbeams, English cars which have made a reputation for themselves as mile eaters here and in Europe.

Louis Chevrolet first turned loose his Sunbeam and travelled a lap at 94 miles an hour. Then Christiaens, the nervy Belgian driver, cranked up the other Sunbeam. After a few trial laps he planted his foot hard on the accelerator while his mechanic signalled to Starter Fred Wagner to take the time. The car shot past the grand stand and climbed far up the banked turn under the terrific speed, passing several cars which were jogging along at between 90 and 100 miles an hour. In less than one minute and three seconds the car again flashed past the finish line. A roar of applause arose from the crowd when his speed was announced.

Chevrolet Gets Into Chase.

Chevrolet complimented his partner for breaking the record, changed the tires on his own car and shot out on the track for another try. He, too, let out his car, driving at the limit of speed around the saucer, but could not clip the time made by the Belgian by even a fifth of a second.

Ralph De Palmer's Peugeot arrived in town from Detroit yesterday, and the popular driver hopes to qualify for the 250 mile grind to-morrow morning. The cars and drivers who qualified yesterday are as follows:

Sunbeam, Christiaens, 115 miles per hour; Sunbeam, Chevrolet, 115; Peugeot, Resta, 111; Mercer, Pullen, 107; Maxwell, Rickenbacher, 107; Peugeot, Atken, 107; Hopkins Special, Hughes, 105; Premier, Lewis, 104; Erbes Special, Gable, 104; Maxwell, Henderson, 104; Premier, Galvin, 102; Deussenberg, Mulford, 102; Peugeot, Wilcox, 102; Delage, Le Cain, 101; Mercer, Ruckstall, 101; Crawford Special, Klein, 98; Crawford Special, Moore, 97; Crawford Special, Chandler, 97; Delage, Devigne, 96; Adams Special, Adams, 96; Deussenberg, Milton, 96; Deussenberg, Buzanc, 95; W. Duluth Special, Rawlens, 94; Ogren, Burt, 93; Hudson Super Six, Vail, 92; Hugh Special, Meyer, 92; Ogren, Henning, 92.