

GRANT THE WINNER

Blunder Leaves Vanderbilt Cup in Doubt a While.

It Was Bitter Cold.

The bitterly cold weather kept the attendance down to a comparatively small figure, and the presence of ten smaller cars, running two separate races on the same track, militated against the success of the event.

It was a shivering crowd which greeted the sun this morning. Those who remained out all night were half frozen, in spite of the fires along the course, for there was a brisk wind, which made nothing of an extra coat or two, cutting through like a knife.

A big racing car buzzed down to the grand stand, and beside the driver sat a pretty little woman with a baby in her arms. It was Mrs. Chevrolet, riding with her husband to wish him luck and a safe return. Louis was cheered, for he is always a prime favorite, and there were many who picked the big racing Buick to win the race.

Troubles Kill Off Cars.

Trouble came early and often in today's race. Hearn pulled his Fiat out at the end of the first lap—a victim of cylinder trouble. Lewis Strang, in another Fiat, was the next to drop, with a great hole smashed in the front of his radiator. Chevrolet, driving like a wild man, made a record for the course in the fourth lap, doing the 12.64 miles in 9.57, thirteen seconds faster than it had ever been done in practice spins. The fast circuit was Chevrolet's undoing and his fastest lap was his last. A cylinder went wrong and the big Buick limped in and limped out again through the fence.

At the end of the seventh lap only eight cars remained in the race—the two Chalmers-Detroits, well to the front and fighting Parker's Fiat for the lead; the Apperson, the Atlas, one of the Nationals, the Mercedes, and the Alco.

Vanderbilt cup race, classes 1 and 2; distance, 22 laps, 278.08 miles.

1—Fiat.....	Lewis Strang
3—Simplex.....	L. A. Mitchell
4—Fiat.....	E. A. Hearne
5—Atlas.....	Elmer Knox
6—Apperson.....	Hugh N. Harding
7—Chalmers.....	William Knipper
8—Alco.....	H. F. Grant
9—Chalmers.....	L. B. Lorrimer
10—National.....	J. D. Aitken
11—National.....	Charles C. Merz
12—Marmon.....	Harry Stillman
14—Fiat.....	E. H. Parker
15—Buick.....	Louis Chevrolet
16—Mercedes.....	Spencer C. Wishart
17—Isotta.....	Joe Seymour