

# SOUDERS GOT TRAINING ON DIRT OVALS

Raced Last Year in Texas;  
Youngsters Cop Big  
Money in Classic.

All unsuspecting, San Antonio racing followers saw the winner of the 500-mile Indianapolis speedway classic, biggest and richest of motor tests, getting ready for his big effort on the local two-mile speedway in 1925 and 1926.

George Souders, the 24-year-old Purdue university graduate, who captured Tuesday's 500-mile grind at Indianapolis and is today the talk of the automobile world, did most of his campaigning on Houston, San Antonio and Abilene dirt tracks before he decided to make his big fling on the bricks of the Indiana metropolis.

He raced for a Houston car owner while here, and he did extremely well with his Fronty-Ford mounts. Local drivers rated him as one of the best pilots in the San Antonio meets.

Ezed Harder of Detroit, who won the 150-mile race Tuesday to open Detroit's half-mile board speedway, is another product of Texas tracks. He made his headquarters here for several years.

## IN THE DAYS BEFORE SUDDEN FAME

George Souders speeding around the San Antonio two-mile oval, off the Pleasanton road, in one of the dirt track programs of 1926. Tuesday afternoon

Souders, unknown in "big league" racing, won the international 500-mile race at Indianapolis from a famous field of veteran drivers.

