

BRUCE-BROWN IN BENZ AUTO WINS SAVANNAH RACE

Victor Leads in 415.2 Mile
Event by Only 1.42 Sec-
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WAGNER BADLY HURT

Mechanician Also Hurt;
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By Associated Press.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Nov. 17.—David Bruce-Brown, driving a Benz car, won the Grand Prize race, 415.2 miles, over Hemery, in a Benz, by one and forty-two-hundredths seconds. Bruce-Brown gets \$1000 cash and the Grand Prize cup.

Haupt, driving a Benz car, struck a tree on the far side of the course in the 13th lap of the Grand Prize Automobile race here today. He was hurt, not seriously, it is thought, but his mechanic was ordered taken direct to the hospital. This was the first serious accident of the race, Dawson and Chevrolet being forced out of the race in previous laps by broken crank shafts.

Haupt had taken the lead in the 10th lap by a burst of 75-mile-an-hour speed. His withdrawal left Wagner in the lead, Nazzaro second, Bruce Brown third and Hemery fifth.

Wagner's car overturned on Skidaway Road, his seventeenth lap. He and his mechanic, Louis Ferro, were thrown out and injured.

Later it was announced that both were badly hurt and taken to a hospital. A call was sent out into the grandstand for Mrs. Wagner. It was said she was wanted at the hospital, where her husband had been taken.

De Palma and Bruce Brown, the leaders, passed the grandstand on the twenty-first lap abreast. They entered the last lap with Bruce-Brown and Hemery leading. De Palma evidently had met trouble on the back stretch.

Chevrolet in a Marquette-Buick car was the first racer sent off. The flag was dropped to him promptly at 9 o'clock, and he made the first lap in 14 minutes and 19 seconds, which was considered good time. Scratched reduced the starters to 15. The others in their order were:

Lozler, Mulford, driver; Pope-Hartford, Basle; Alce, Grant; Marmon, Dawson; Benz, Hemery; Fiat, Nazzaro; Lozler, Horan; Pope-Hartford, Disbrow; Marmon, Harroun; Benz, Bruce-Brown; Fiat, Wagner; Marquette-Buick, Burman; Benz, Haupt; Fiat, De Palma.

The distance is 415.2 miles, or 24 time around the 17.3 mile course. The prize is a \$5000 gold cup and \$4000 in cash to the winner, with smaller cash prizes for those finishing second and third.

Hemery made the second lap in 13 minutes and 51 seconds, an average speed of 74 miles an hour.

Weather Is Ideal.

The weather was ideal for the big race, which was transferred here from Long Island after the fatalities in the Vanderbilt Cup race. The speed and conditions make it the big event of speed and endurance.

Of the drivers, there were four or five whose names had for days been on all tongues that had talked of the great race. There were Nazzaro, Wagner, Hemery, Bruce-Brown, Burman, De Palma—masters of their craft. There was a great crowd to witness the start.

Nazzaro, Wagner, Hemery and Bruce-Brown were favorites and their cars traveled freighted not only with the hopes of the men at the wheels and of the owners, but with those who had backed their efforts with their money. Some betting had it that no American car would win; others that time as fast as 85 miles an hour would be shown by one or more laps. Popular favor seemingly had fixed on the Fiat or the Benz as the most likely winner.

Safe and Sure Policy.

Talk before the race had it that the veterans among the drivers, those handling the big foreign cars, had determined upon a safe and sure policy. Wagner, gossip had it, had announced that 70 miles an hour, sustained upon so winding a course, would be the limit of safety. This, it was said, had been made the policy of the veterans, but not of the bold younger element, who had determined to "hit up the pace."

The cars eliminated by scratches were Washington Roeblin's Roebbing-Planche, which had developed carburetor trouble; Matson's Simplex, which had gone wrong in its engine, and Hughes' Marquette-Buick, which was stripped for the benefit of its sister entries, giving them of its parts to meet certain imperative needs. The Sharpe-Arrow which had drawn No. 1 place went out Thursday when it left the track, killing its mechanic and putting its driver in the hospital.

Convicts See Race.

Assembled at the course were many convicts, negroes in their stripes and chains, who had been working the roads. As a reward for the diligence they had shown and the enthusiasm they had displayed in preparing the course, under the watchful eyes of the guards who stalked about with loaded shotguns, they were given a holiday and the privilege of watching the races.