

COOPER IS WINNER OF 250-MILE AUTO RACE WORTH \$8000

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CHICAGO, June 16.—Driving the entire distance without a stop, Earl Cooper, veteran racer, snatched a victory in the last 20 miles of the 250-mile automobile race at Speedway Park today, winning in 2:25:28. With first place went \$8000 and a silver trophy.

Ralph Mulford, who broke the American Speedway record for 150 and 200 miles, finished second, and Eddie Hearne third. Fourth place went to Cliff Durant and Walter Haines pulled up fifth. Ralph de Palma, the favorite, gave Mulford a desperate race for 200 miles, but was forced out of the running because of a leaky gasoline pipe and engine trouble. The Italian worked frantically over his motor for 20 minutes and when he resumed the grind he was miles behind the leaders.

Tire Trouble for Mulford.

Changing his tires in the 231st mile robbed Mulford of victory. Although off the track only 43 seconds, Mulford lost the lead to Cooper, who steadily increased it, finishing a mile ahead of his rival. Cooper's average for the race was 103 1-10 miles an hour. Mulford did not make a stop until a change of tires became necessary in the 208th mile.

Two minor accidents marred the race. Joe Thomas and his mechanic, Henri Worth, escaped with a few bruises when their car, speeding 118 miles an hour, crashed through the fence on the back stretch. The car driven by Joe Boyer also went through the fence on the turn, but neither Boyer nor his mechanic was injured. The machines, however, were wrecked.

In addition to winning \$4000 as second prize, Mulford won two prizes of \$500 each for leading at 100 and 200 miles. De Palma, although out of the prize money, was given \$500. Hearne, who finished third, got \$2000; Durant, fourth, \$1500, and Haines, fifth, \$1000. Sums ranging from \$900 down to \$500 went to the following drivers: Henderson, sixth; Lewis, seventh; Vail, eighth; Fountaine, ninth; Chevrolet, tenth; Milton, eleventh, and Alley, twelfth. Officials of the speedway plan to donate the profits of the meet to a war relief fund.