

PROFITS LARGE IN AUTO RACING GAME

Dario Resta Wins Fifty-One Thousand Dollars in Cash for Season's Toil.

PEUGOT IS LEADING CAR

Dario Resta, who with his Peugeot car won the racing championship of 1916, captured \$51,550 in cash, winning six of his eleven starts in the leading motor events, according to Jerome T. Shaw's review of the year's races, in the Horseless Age.

John Aitken, who closely pressed and at times led Resta in the championship fight, finished the season as runner-up with a total of 3,440 points, having to his credit seven firsts and two seconds in thirteen starts.

While 1915 was heralded as marking the advent of 100-mile an hour races, the season just ended has placed this high speed performance in the shade, no less than twenty-seven of the cars finishing in the thirty-seven races of the season recording a speed above the century mark.

The only exception to the record-breaking performances was a 100-mile race at Indianapolis, where Resta's average was 83.99, as compared with the course record of 89.84 miles an hour made by De Palma in a Mercedes in the 500-mile race of 1915.

A fair idea of the increased speed during the last season may be obtained by a comparison of the average speeds of the contests of the last four years. In the eighteen contests of 1913, which, with the exception of the Indianapolis event, were road races, the average speed was 55.75 miles per hour; in the seventeen races of 1914 the average was 65.20 miles per hour; last year a twenty-two races were run at an average speed of 74.86 miles per hour.

In the Vanderbilt cup and Grand prize, the only important road races of the season and probably the last of the Vanderbilt era on the road, the previous records were broken, the average speed for these contests being 86.98 and 85.55 miles per hour, respectively.

While the number of races run this year was greater in number by fifteen than those held in 1915, this increase can be attributed to a great extent to the fact that several of the speedways held two and three meets and the shorter distances of the races permitted the running of several events at some of these meets.

The new speedways at Los Angeles, Kansas City, Cincinnati and Uniontown helped to swell the number of events. During the year there were 498 starts in the thirty-seven races and of this number 238 completed the required distances.

Last season 333 cars started in the twenty-two races of the season and 137 received the checkered flag.

In reviewing the season's racing it is disclosed that the Peugeot car was started forty-seven times and scored fifteen firsts, six seconds and two thirds, while its nearest competitor, the Duesenberg, won six races, finished second six times and third on five occasions out of sixty-eight starts.

Thus the Peugeot wins the car championship of 1916, replacing the Stutz, which through its sensational performances was awarded the title last year. Ralph De Palma, who finished fourth in the drivers' standing, drove his Mercedes in eleven races during the last season, winning four, being second in two and third in one. The Mercedes finished third, with thirty-two starts, of which it won three races, was second in three times and finished third three times.

BASE BALL FAVORED BY BANNER SEASON

Prosperity Following Restoration of Peace Breaks All Attendance Records.

LEAGUE RACES WERE CLOSE

Following the restoration of peace in base ball the national pastime last season blossomed forth into its most prosperous year. In the American league the total attendance was more than a million in excess of that in 1915, while in the National league the attendance exceeded that of any previous season in the forty years of its existence.

Everywhere on the major league circuits there was a revival of interest and the game rose triumphantly from the muddled state into which it had fallen as a result of the Federal league invasion.

Base ball came back to its own in the major leagues, but the minors had a poor year. The Boston Red Sox won the world's series, defeating the Brooklyn club, winners of the National league pennant, in four games out of five.

The most important event of the last year was the readjustment of conditions left by the Federal league war, the biggest competitive feature was the unusual season of the New York Giants. This club, after a poor start in the National league race, went west on its first trip of the season and won all its games, seventeen straight.

Then, after another period of miserable playing, the team was strengthened by the acquisition of several star players, and during September the New York club established a new and unheard-of record in major league base ball.

McGraw's sensational season, won twenty games straight. The best previous major league record was twenty straight, by the Providence club in 1884.

Feds Joined Major Leagues. Though the base ball war was ended late in the season of 1915, the peace negotiations were not completed until well along in the new year.

When the Federal league passed out of existence many of the players who had jumped contracts to go to the outlaws were taken back to two of the Federal league club owners were taken into the major leagues.

Charles H. Weeghman of Chicago got the Chicago National league club, while Phil Ball of St. Louis took over the St. Louis American league club. Organized base ball took over much of the Federal league property, including the Federal league parks in Brooklyn and at Harrison, N. J.

There were Newark Feds played. In Chicago the Federal league manager, Joe Tinker, assumed managerial control, and had a poor season. Fielder Jones, the Federal league manager in St. Louis, was also retained and did not fare much better.

Some of the Federal league club owners reaped a rich harvest by the sale of their best players to the major league clubs. Harry F. Sinclair received the greatest benefits from the sale of players. Such players as Benny Kauff, Lee Magee, Hal Chase, McKechnie, Roush and numerous others played well in the major leagues.

Two Champs in Two Sports



RICHARD NORRIS WILLIAMS, 218.



DARIO RESTA

of Herzog, Zimmerman, Rariden, Holke and Saller, together with the great pitching of two of the regulars, Schupp and Tesreau, aided the Giants in their record-breaking feat.

The Brooklyn club, winner of the National league pennant, played consistent, although not brilliant, ball all season. Under the guidance of Wilbert Robinson the team struck everlastingly to its task and won the flag by a narrow margin of a couple of decimal points.

It was a great race between the Dodgers, the Phillies and the Braves right to the end of the season. Much of the time it was anybody's race, and not one of the three clubs had enough advantage to gloat about.

During the last two weeks of the race the outcome was a toss-up, but when the Giants visited Brooklyn for the final series of the season and cracked after their great winning streak Brooklyn benefited by the Giants' downfall and won out.

The downfall of the Giants was the occasion of an uprising of John J. McGraw against his players. He left the field in disgust and refused to be a party to the indifferent performance of the Giants against Brooklyn.

The American league race was just as thrilling as the National league event, and for weeks it was a hot fight between Boston, Chicago and Detroit. It was the fine work of the Boston pitching staff that finally carried the Red Sox through, under the management of Bill Carrigan.

Boston finished strong and won by a greater margin than Brooklyn enjoyed in the older league. For the first time in years Ty Cobb of Detroit was beaten for the honor of champion batsman, Tris Speaker of Cleveland landing the honor. Babe Ruth of Boston carried off the pitching honors of the league.

Brooklyn was badly outclassed in the world's series, Boston winning four games out of five. The first two games were played in Boston. The second game was the best of the series, going to fourteen innings before being won by Boston by a score of 2 to 1.

The third and fourth games were played in Brooklyn and the Dodgers' victory was in the third game, which they won, 4 to 3. The big base ball classic was a record breaker for a five-game series, the total attendance being 43,341, while the total receipts were \$320,361.50.

The players of the winning club won \$3,826.25 each, while the losing Brooklyn players received \$2,645.45 each.

Billy Sullivan quits His Job with Detroit. Billy Sullivan will not coach the Detroit battery next season. The former manager of the Chicago American league club recently wrote to President Navin that he would resign from his position unless he received an offer which carries a "strong appeal."

WILLIAMS SUPREME IN TENNIS RANKS

Philadelphia Tops National Ranking List After Five Years of Striving.

JAPANESE MAKES SHOWING

In the field of tennis this has been a noteworthy year, in which the victory of Richard Norris Williams, 2d, of Philadelphia, stands out as a clear beam of light. Competing in less than a year, he has won the title of Philadelphia, stands out as a clear beam of light.

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EVANS GAINS DUAL CROWN OF GOLFERS

Chicago Crack Performs Unprecedented Feat in Winning Both Titles.

BARNES IS THE PRO CHAMP

Of all sports golf probably enjoyed the banner year. The outstanding feature was the performance of Chick Evans in winning both the national open title and the national amateur crown. This was a feat never before performed in this country, and only once have the two corresponding English championships been won by the same man.

Many have striven in other years to the same end that Evans reached, among them Guimet and Travers, but they fell short of the double conquest. Both were holders of the open championship, but in the year of this victory they were unsuccessful in the amateur classic.

Up to this year Evans had often been to the forefront in the play for the amateur championship, but it was always snatched from his grasp. In the final round at Merion he encountered Bob Gardner, then the holder of the title, and Evans, playing as fine golf as ever in his career, wrested the honors from his rival.

Prior to winning the amateur championship, Evans had already triumphed in the open event, so that he was crowned as no golfer of this country had ever been before.

In a way, no less remarkable than the victory of Evans was the performance of Miss Alex Stirling of Atlanta in winning the women's championship at Belmont Spring. Starting her season of successes in the south, where she scored several victories, Miss Stirling, early in the season, showed that she would be a formidable rival to any in the national championship.

Two seasons ago she lost to Mrs. Clarence H. Vanderbeck of Philadelphia in the semi-final round of the event, but this year the young southern girl reversed the decision just before the national championship, and this defeat of the Philadelphia girl made her truly feared for the premier honors.

Her play in the championship proved that there had been no misconception as to Miss Stirling's skill and that she was beyond all question a player of exceptional merit.

Miss Stirling gained her golfing knowledge, in part at any rate, from the teaching of Steward Maiden, who also instructed the prodigy of the season, the youthful Bobby Jones, the 14-year-old boy who made such a remarkable showing in the national championship.

There was a disposition to take the youngster as more or less of a joke until he defeated former national champion Eben Byers in the first round. The scoffing turned to praise, and he was hailed as a boy wonder when he vanquished Frank Dyer, Pennsylvania state champion, in the second round.

It was in the third round that Jones was defeated, but he fell before no less a star than Gardner, the titleholder. Even against this skillful opponent Jones was 2 up after seventeen holes, and he completed the first round 1 up.

Others golfers who achieved notable successes during the season were Norman H. Maxwell, Reggie Lewis, Phil Carter, Oswald Kirby and Gardner White. Carter made a remarkable showing in the southern tournaments, but his play deteriorated when he came north.

Gardner White had one of the most consistent seasons in the Metropolitan section, always being a formidable contender and winning several events. Lewis won the Westchester and the Connecticut championships, while Kirby was the Metropolitan and New Jersey state champion.

The pain among the professional golfers goes to James M. Barnes of Whitemarsh Valley, after one of the most consistent seasons' records ever attained.

Only Three Large Ring Combats Are Held During Year. Professional and amateur boxing has had one of its most successful years in the history of the sport. Although no unusual activity in defending their coveted laurels was shown by any of the champions of the various classes, the last year saw a booming in the sport in all parts of the country where boxing is conducted, and this condition gives promise of continuing throughout the coming year.

GREAT STRIDES ARE MADE BY FOOT BALL

Small Colleges Treat Prestige of the Big Universities Heretofore Supreme.

CORNHUSKERS FALL DOWN

The foot ball season, fresh in everybody's mind, is a striking example of the progress that has been made in this line of sport. For a number of years, ever since the revision of the rules which barred mass plays and opened up the game so that the spectator unfamiliar with the players had something more than a smattering of what was going on, the small colleges have been looming up more prominently on the horizon.

The prestige of Yale, Harvard and Princeton has often been threatened in the last ten years, but one or the other has always been to the forefront, though the little colleges nearby (little in the foot ball sense) were clamoring close by.

It remained for the season just closed to rend the old structure from its foundations, and, in the acclaim that has greeted the record of Pittsburgh, there is only a small token of consolation for the one-time leaders.

This team, coached by the able Glenn Warner, played a type of foot ball that was astonishingly good to look upon, and, though it did not compete against any of the leaders of former years, those who are in a position to judge feel that this eleven was one of the most remarkable products in several years.

It will always be a basis of argument whether it could have defeated Yale or Harvard, and, with regard to the former, as it compared against the Crimson in the final game of the season for each, there are some who maintain that Pittsburgh in Harvard's place on that day in New Haven would have triumphed.

But, however this may be, Pittsburgh is the undefeated eleven. Undoubtedly the greatest reversal of the season was the defeat of Brown by Colgate. Up to that time Brown was in a position to claim the so-called championship because of victories over Yale and Harvard, and then came Colgate to blast the hopes of the Providence men.

There is particular interest in the record of Yale, and if, as Yale men often say, they care nothing for victory or defeat except in the case of Harvard and Princeton, then the Yale season was a pronounced success. John Harvard and the Tiger bowed to the Blue, and therein was justified the installation of a new coaching system at Yale.

Under the leadership of Tad Jones, an indomitable player himself, there was instilled that old fighting spirit for which Yale is famed, and at New Haven they are looking forward confidently, where in several years previously gone by there was nothing to foreshadow better success another season.

There was one rather remarkable feature of the play during the last season which was evident to the close student of the game. The forward pass was not used so extensively by the big teams as in several seasons preceding. Harvard, Princeton and Yale all resorted to it in emergency, but it was not a scoring weapon except as a last resort, which shows that most of the coaches consider it too hazardous.

Pennsylvania used it with the greatest success, for Bob Folwell made his reputation partly on the development of this style of attack while at Washington and Jefferson. After ruling with undisputed supremacy for six years, the University of Nebraska lost the Missouri Valley championship this year. The Cornhuskers were an erratic team this year. In two games they played good foot ball and showed that old Nebraska fight, but in their remaining games they exhibited a lackadaisical, indifferent style and in two of these remaining games, Kansas and Notre Dame, went down to defeat.

But while the Cornhuskers lost the Missouri Valley title nobody else won it. Kansas was ready to make a claim, but Missouri put the quietus on that in the final game of the year. Every school in the conference lost at least one game.

Another marked feature of the year in the valley was the absence of any brilliant stars. While sensational stars sprang up in other schools in other parts of the country, nary a one appeared in the valley. From the standpoint of attendance the valley had a good year, but the play of the eleven was not up to standard.

Bob Simpson Stars On the Cinder Path With Many Records. Track and field athletics fell short of supplying a wealth of startling performances, but the ranks of those who find their enjoyment in this line were swelled by many new recruits, which augurs well for the future. The national championships this year were held in Newark and proved to be a pronounced success. The athletes of the Atlantic seaboard, however, were not so successful as in several past seasons. Many of the trophies this year were carried away by western rivals.

Probably the most praiseworthy feat of the season was the accomplishment by Robert Simpson of the University of Missouri, who established a new world's record mark of 14 3-5 seconds for the 120-yard high hurdles. Ted Meredith placed his name to two world's marks, one the quarter mile distance around a turn in 47 2-5 seconds and the other the half mile in 1:52 1-5.

Probably this department of sport is the only one of the year with the tang of international contest. A team of Americans, among them Meredith, Fred Murray, Joe Loomis, Andy Ward and Simpson, made a tour of the Scandinavian countries with notable success. Meredith was the only one to fall below standard, defeat claiming him a number of times.

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Sport Champions of 1916

- ARCHERY—Dr. R. P. Elmer, Wayne, Pa.; Miss Cynthia M. Wesson, Cotuit, Mass.
AUTOBIL—Champion speedway driver, Dario Resta.
BASE BALL—World's champions, Boston Americans.
National league champions, Brooklyn; American league champions, Boston; National league batting champion, Hal Chase of Cleveland; National league leading pitcher, Grover C. Hall of Philadelphia; American league leading pitcher, "Babe" Ruth of Boston.
BILLIARDS—Billiard (professional), William Hoppe of New York.
Three-cushion (professional), George Moore of New York; pocket billiards (professional), Frank Therman of Chicago; National Junior A. U. champion, Murray of Montreal, N. J.; pocket billiards (amateur), J. Howard Shoemaker of New York.
BOXING—Heavyweight, Jess Willard; middleweight, in dispute, Willie Light, Jack Britton; lightweight, Freddie Welsh; featherweight, Johnny Kilbane; welterweight, in dispute, Flyweight, Jimmy Wilde.
COURT TENNIS—National amateur, Jay Gould of New York; American professional, Walter A. Kissella of New York; world's open champion, Jay Gould.
CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING—Intercollegiate team champion, Cornell; intercollegiate individual champion, John W. Overton of Yale; national senior A. A. U., Willie Krieston of New York; national Junior A. A. U., James Reigan of Boston.
CYCLING—National professional, Frank L. Kramer of Orange, N. J.; national amateur, John Stiebel of Newark, N. J.
FOOT BALL—Leading eastern team, University of Pittsburgh; Western Conference champion, Ohio State; national southern team, Georgia Tech; leading Pacific coast team, University of Oregon and University of Washington.
GOLF—National amateur, Charles Evans, Jr., of Chicago; national open, Charles Evans, Jr., of Chicago; national senior A. U., Alex Stirling of Atlanta; national professional, James M. Barnes of Whitemarsh, Schuylkill County, Pa.
HOCKEY—Intercollegiate, Harvard; Amateur Hockey league champions, Boston A. L.
LIGHT HARBES HORSES—Champion trotter, Lee Aworthy, 1:38 1/2; champion pacer, Napoleon Direct, 1:39 1/4; winning driver, Thomas W. Murphy of Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
POLO—Senior champions, Great Neck, Long Island; Junior champions, Mendocubee, N. Y., Long Island.
RACQUETS—National amateur, Stanley G. Mortimer, Toronto, N. Y.; national amateur champion of Canada, Albert and J. C. Wastbury of New York; world's professional, Jack Souter of New York.
ROWING—Poughkeepsie regatta, Syracuse; New London regatta, Harvard; national championship, Duluth boat club; champion single sculler, T. J. Rooney, Havenswood Boat Club, Long Island.
SOCCER—Intercollegiate, University of Pennsylvania; national and American challenge cups, Bethlehem.
SPEED SKATING—National outdoor champion, Harry Cody of Toronto; national indoor champion, Anton O'Neck of Cleveland.
SQUASH TENNIS—National amateur, Eric S. Winstan of New York; world's professional, Walter A. Kissella of New York.
TENNIS—National doubles, Richard N. Williams of San Francisco; national mixed doubles, W. E. Davis of California and Miss Eleanor Sears of Boston; national clay court singles, W. E. Davis of California; national indoor clay court doubles, Dean Mathley and G. N. Church of New Jersey; national women's singles, Miss Molla Bjurstedt of Norway; national women's doubles, Miss Molla Bjurstedt of Norway and Miss Eleanor Sears of Boston; national indoor doubles, William Rosenbaum and A. E. Lovibond of New York.
TRAP-SHOOTING—Grand American handicap, John F. Wolf of Milwaukee; world's professional champion, Phillip Miller of Dallas.

Foot Ball Captains for 1917

Table listing football captains for 1917 across various states including Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.