

STEAM AUTO LOWERS MILE TRACK RECORD

Webb Jay Goes a Mile in 49 3-5 Seconds at Morris Park.

WINS HEAT FOR THOMAS CUP

Chevrolet's Powerful Car Badly Beaten in Two Races—Light-Powered Machines Show Up Well.

Webb Jay, in his twenty-horse-power White steam car, carried off the honors yesterday in the automobile races held under the auspices of the American Automobile Association on the Morris Park track. Jay succeeded in escaping an unusually hazardous day without accident or the slightest failure of his car to do what he wanted it to accomplish. He beat Louis Chevrolet, driving Major Miller's mile-record-holding ninety-horse-power Fiat car, in two spirited races, leading in a contest of over five miles each from the start, and winning by big margins.

Jay then put the finishing touches to these triumphs by capturing the first heat in the race for the Dr. Harold E. Thomas Trophy, open only to members of the Chicago Automobile Club and the Automobile Club of America.

This trophy was first raced for on Decoration Day at Chicago, and Chevrolet then won it for the club in this city. Jay represented the Chicago Club and Christie was selected yesterday as the local club's representative. As a race it was a disappointment, because a tire on Christie's car collapsed on the second lap and he had to stop on the upper curve. Webb Jay then finished in the slow time of 5:55 4-5.

The accident to the Christie car was all the more exasperating to the local contingent because so much had been expected from Christie's new 120-horse-power car. It was its first appearance. About five-sixths of the car is covered by the long hood protecting the huge motors, the driver sitting far in the rear. That the car is capable of high speed was proved after the race, when Christie, more as a means of vindicating the possibilities of his car, was allowed to make a trial against the mile record of 0:52 1-5, held by Chevrolet. He equaled the record, and the music of the band was supplemented by a vigorous tooting of motor-car horns, noisy but not harmonious.

The trophy race was four times around the big track, over five and a half miles. Christie led by about sixty yards at the first lap, and had not lost an inch when his tire gave out. He was the only man in the day's races who was able to set the pace for Webb Jay. The second heat for the cup will be decided to-day, and Christie or Chevrolet will represent the local club. Should Jay be beaten, a third heat will be run toward the close of the programme.

Webb Jay and Chevrolet, Sartori, driving Alfred G. Vanderbilt's 90-horse power Fiat, and M. Roberts, driving the 60-horse power Thomas car, were the starters in the heavyweight championship. Sartori, blinded by the clouds of dust, ran into the fence before finishing one lap, and just before the end of the race the Thomas car broke a wheel going around the dangerous lower curve. Jay and Chevrolet led all the way, Jay being very much in advance.

Jay's last mile was made in the amazing time of 0:49 3-5, the fastest mile ever traveled on a track, but it will not count as a record, as it was an intermediate mile. For the same mile Chevrolet equaled his world's record of 0:52 1-5, which shows at what a tremendous speed the rival cars were going. Jay's total distance was done at an average of about 0:54 for each mile.

The accident to the Vanderbilt car and the almost complete annihilation of the Ree car before the races started, when it bounded over the high turn and lodged in the turf beyond the track, reduced the starters in the four-lap Diamond Cup race to Jay and Chevrolet. The exhibition was a repetition of the former meeting, Jay taking the lead at the start and winning in 5:06 1-5, to 5:18 1-5 for Chevrolet.

Despite the fact that the meet was the first of a two-day contest, there was an excellent attendance, Harlan W. Whipple, ex-President of the American Automobile Association, coming on from Boston to see the races. The summary:

Novice Handicap, for lightweight and middle-weight cars, 1.39 miles, one lap—Won by Hollander and Tangeman's 24 horse power Fiat Junior, driven by E. Porter, scratch. Time—1:38 3-5. Edward H. Moses's 7 horse power Stevens-Duryea, driven by Frank Leonard, 45 seconds. Time—2:47.

Heavyweight Championship, four laps, 5.56 miles.—Won by Webb Jay's 15-20 horse power White steam car. Time—5:01; first lap 1:17 2-5, second lap 2:32 1-5, third lap 3:46. Major C. J. S. Miller's 90 horse power Fiat, driven by Louis Chevrolet, second. Time—5:20. Webb Jay's last mile was 0:49 3-5, fastest mile ever driven. Chevrolet's mile, 0:52 1-5.

Tourists' Novelty Race, three laps, 4:17 miles, for fully equipped cars carrying driver and three passengers.—Won by Decauville Automobile Company's 12 horse power Decauville car, driven by L. A. Mitchell. Time—8:45. Wayne Automobile Company's 16 horse power Wayne, driven by A. L. Kull, finished first, but was disqualified for not coming to a dead stop to unload passengers.

First Heat, Four Laps, 5.56 Miles, for Dr. Harold E. Thomas's Interclub Trophy.—Won by Webb Jay's 15-20 horse power White steam car, representing Chicago Automobile Club. Time—5:55 4-5. Walter Christie's 120 horse power Christie, representing Automobile Club of America, did not finish. Christie at first lap in 1:17. Jay led at second lap in 2:42 3-5. Jay's time for third lap, 4:11 2-5.

Pursuit Race.—Decauville Automobile Company's 40 horse power Decauville, driven by Guy Vaughn, and Electric Vehicle Company's 35-40 horse power Columbia, driven by Eddie Bald, only starters. Won by Vaughn, who caught Bald in three and one-third laps. Time—5:21.

Diamond Cup Race, Four Laps, 5.56 Miles.—Won by Webb Jay, driving his 15-20 horse power White steam car. Time—5:06 4-5; first lap, 1:17 1-5; second lap, 2:33 4-5; third lap, 3:49 2-5. Major C. J. S. Miller's 90 horse power Fiat, driven by Louis Chevrolet, second. Time—5:18 1-8; first lap, 1:22; second lap, 2:41 1-5; third lap, 3:59 2-5.

Bronx Handicap, Four Laps, 5.56 Miles.—First Heat—Won by Alfred Comacho, driving his twelve horse power Franklin, (2:30 handicap,) actual time, 7:30 3-5; Edward H. Moses's seven horse power Stevens-Duryea, driven by Frank Leonard, (5:00 handicap,) second; actual time, 10:30. Hollander & Tangeman's twenty-four horse power Fiat, Jr., driven by E. Parker, (scratch,) third; actual time, 5:49.

Second Heat—Won by Wayne Automobile Company's twenty-four horse power Wayne, driven by E. D. Holmes, (4:30 handicap,) actual time, 8:25 4-5. Decauville Automobile Company's twelve horse power Decauville, driven by L. A. Mitchell, (2:30 handicap,) time—7:34 3-5. Decauville Automobile Company's forty-horse power Decauville, driven by Guy Vaughn; C. G. Wridgway, driving his twenty-four horse power Peerless, and Smith & Mabley's thirty horse power Simplex also started.

Final Heat—Won by Alfred Comacho, driving his twelve horse power Franklin, (scratch;) time, 7:11 4-5. Edward H. Moses's seven horse power Stevens-Duryea, driven by Frank Leonard, (handicap, 3:00,) second; time, 10:22 2-5.

Special trial against mile record of 0:52 1-5, held by Chevrolet, for the Morris Park track by Walter Christie in his 120 horse power car. Christie equaled the record.

Knickerbocker Power Boat Race.

The races for the cups offered by Rear Commodore F. E. Brown of the Knickerbocker Yacht Club were held on the cruise of the club yesterday in the harbor at Northport, Long Island. After attempting to finish in the light wind the sailing craft decided to postpone their contest until this afternoon at College Point, but the power boats competed for their prize, Dr. Connelly winning with his new No. 12 boat.

He finished the course in 22 minutes and 35 seconds, just three seconds ahead of Frank Kramer. The times were:

Owner.	Time.	Owner.	Time.
Dr. Connelly.....	22:35	F. E. Brown.....	24:25
F. Kramer.....	22:38	A. L. Kerk.....	24:40
W. H. Bassett.....	23:15	F. J. Sulzbach.....	25:10

The power boats will race to-day as well at College Point.