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BY AL WOLF.

Young Billy Hoagland's Chrysler 75 roadster, with Lawrence O. Hughes at the wheel, sped to victory in the one hundred mile stock car classic at the Ak-Sar-Ben mile track Sunday afternoon. Hughes bested a field of 16 qualifiers and passed the finish flag a lap and a quarter ahead of the next car.

The winner negotiated the one hundred laps in one hour, 36 minutes and 31 seconds for an average speed of 62.2 miles per hour. This included one short stop at the pits for gas and water. Pilot Hughes had the No. 6 blue car up to 81 miles an hour on the straightaway on several occasions.

Second was a Chrysler 72 roadster driven by Carl Christiansen of Fairbury. Two laps behind came Sam Gaeta of Omaha in a Ford Model A, one length ahead of an Oldsmobile piloted by Earl Hovendon of Duncan, Okla.

For the benefit of those who watched the cars by their numbers, the winner was 6, second 8, third 18 and fourth 16.

The several thousand spectators in the grandstand and the additional several thousand who watched from vantage points outside the fence got their day's thrill at the very outset of the big race. On the three-quarter turn of the first lap, Barney Burg, Indianapolis speed demon, crashed through the fence in his Studebaker car No. 17.

Burg was rushed to the Nicholas Senn hospital by a waiting ambulance but his injuries were slight. A few sore spots and a general shaking up constituted the damages and he announced he would drive next Sunday in the professional races. Burg won eighth place this summer in the famous Indianapolis speedway grind.

Bagley Makes Bid.

Hughes manipulated his car into the front rank early in the race and the event soon developed into a duel between Hughes and John Bagley, Omaha driver, who was at the wheel of Bing Grunwald's Buick roadster, car No. 10. Hughes finally secured a one-lap lead and held it. Bagley was stopped by engine trouble in the seventy-fourth mile.

The speedometer of the winning car showed 23 thousand miles after the race. Mention might be made at this time of car No. 19, a Chrysler sedan driven by V. Bolling of Kearney. The high glass-enclosed car looked out of place among the stripped roadsters, but stayed right in the race. Bolling's speedometer showed 38 thousand miles.

The crowd got a big kick out of the flyvers. The new model Fords showed plenty of stuff, one driven by Gaeta taking third money. Before the one hundred mile event, A. A. Banks of Hastings stepped into the limelight by winning three straight races in his Model A Ford. Banks held third place in the big race until the ninety-eighth lap, when he apparently became confused and rolled up to the pit with one lap left to do.

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ing and noon. Hughes, the eventual winner, got the pole by turning in the fastest mile in the trial heats. He was clocked in :53.8, which is said to be a stock car record for a mile oval, rolling start.

The afternoon's pastime culminated with a balloon ascension and parachute leap by "Prof." Winteringer. The chute and balloon came down just over the north fence.

Drivers and cars in the race, in the order of qualifying:

Chrysler 75, L. O. Hughes, No. 6. Buick, John Bagley, No. 10. Chrysler 72, Carl Christiansen, Fairbury, No. 8. Chevrolet 6, Jack Waugh, North Platte, No. 5. Ford A. A. A. Banks, Hastings, No. 3. Ford A. Sam Gaeta, No. 18. Chrysler 75, Irvin Careys, Ellis, Neb., No. 20. Chrysler 72, V. Bolling, Kearney, No. 19. Chevrolet 6, Wesley Taylor, Grand Island, No. 4. Ford A. James Taylor, No. 9. Oldsmobile, Earl Hovendon, Duncan, Okla., No. 16. Studebaker, George Weber, Dallas, No. 1. Mason, Frank Kennard, No. 11. Hudson, Ma. Ward, Oklahoma City, No. 2. Graham Paige, Toman, Plattsmouth, No. 21. Studebaker, Barney Burg, No. 17.

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