

1913

INDIANAPOLIS RACE FANS HAD COME TO ASSUME THEIR CITY WOULD BE ABLE to boast of the winning car, the winning driver or both. But in 1913, French drivers arrived and brought with them the superior Peugeot.

Taking an early lead in the race, Jules Goux won over much of the local-leaning crowd with his showmanship and speed. In his pit he famously called for and was given a bottle of wine to quench his thirst, and when he won he danced with his crew.

American drivers also did well and Hoosier fans consoled themselves with the fact Goux at least had not broken Joe Dawson's speed record. Charlie Merz finished third, though his car was on fire as it crossed the finish line.

TOP: Jules Goux, 1913 winner of the Indianapolis 500.

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RIGHT: Goux sits behind the wheel of his Peugeot and talks with Charles Faroux, a Parisian sportsman who served as the unofficial team manager for Peugeot during the race in 1913. StarNews Archives

OPPOSITE: Ralph DePalma (right) works on his Mercer in the garage area. DePalma completed only 15 laps before mechanical problems knocked him out of the race. He finished 23rd in the 27-car field. StarNews Archives



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TRIUMPHANT MOMENTS FOR THE FRENCH KING OF RACERS.

GOUX CROSSING THE FINISH LINE.

GOUX MAKING FRENCH AND AMERICAN FLAGS AFTER RACE.

FRENCHMAN WINS RACE WITNESSED BY 90,000

MIGHTY THROG HAILS GOUX AS NEW SPEED KING
 French Flag, Held Aloft by Victor, Draws Rounds of Thunderous Applause.

GOUX MAINTAINS SPEED OF 76.59 MILES AN HOUR
 French Driver Finishes Race in 6:31:43.45—Dawson's Record Still Stands.

SPEEDWAY INSPIRING SCENE AS WORLD'S CLASSIC IS RUN
 Intense Enthusiasm Aroused by Anderson's Heroic Effort to Keep Honors Here.

WISHART IN MERCER ENDS SECOND; MERZ RUNS THIRD
 Guyot, Driving English Car, Gets Fourth Place—Five Others Complete Grind.

BY JAMES HARRISON
The race, from the start to the finish, was a triumph for the French. The French flag, held aloft by Victor, drew rounds of thunderous applause. The French driver, Jules Goux, maintained a speed of 76.59 miles an hour. The race was witnessed by 90,000 spectators. The French flag, held aloft by Victor, drew rounds of thunderous applause. The French driver, Jules Goux, maintained a speed of 76.59 miles an hour. The race was witnessed by 90,000 spectators.

FIVE RACE MEN HURT IN DAY'S SPEED BATTLE
 Mechanician Lee Dunning of Wrecked Mason Car May Die of Injuries.

DRIVER TOWER IN HOSPITAL AFTER SPECTACULAR SPILL
 Three Employees Suffer Slightly and a Few Visitors to Speedway Are Overcome by Heat.

WEATHER FORECAST.
 Fair, with light breeze from the north. High 72, low 58.

Winning Drivers, Cars, Time and Prizes in 500-M.

Pos.	Driver	Car	Class	Time	Avg. Per Hour	Prize
1st	Jules Goux	Peugeot, No. 18	Open	6:31:43.45	76.59	\$10,000
2nd	Wishart	Mercedes, No. 22	Open	7:05:08.15	70.00	\$5,000
3rd	Merz	Peugeot, No. 1	Open	7:19:15.30	68.00	\$3,000
4th	Guyot	Peugeot, No. 1	Open	7:19:15.30	68.00	\$2,000
5th	Wishart	Mercedes, No. 22	Open	7:19:15.30	68.00	\$1,000

PITMEN BATTLE AT WHITE HEAT
 Loyal Supporters of Drivers Struggle Against Burst Tires and Other Mishaps.

LIGHTNING CHANGES MADE
 Skilled Work Saves Racers Many Minutes at Crucial Moments in Contest.

BY BRUCE DANIELS.
The story of the pit is the story of the race. It was the pit that saved the French flag from being lost to the Americans. The pit was the scene of a desperate struggle. The French flag, held aloft by Victor, drew rounds of thunderous applause. The French driver, Jules Goux, maintained a speed of 76.59 miles an hour. The race was witnessed by 90,000 spectators.

STUTZ MEN APPLAUDED.
 Stutz men, who were in the pit, were applauded for their skill and courage.

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BRAGO'S ABANDONED MERCER