

1914

IF THE 1913 500 HAD BEEN DISAPPOINTING for fans of American cars, 1914 was worse. Not only did another Frenchman win — this time it was Rene Thomas — but the French cars dominated the race in nearly every respect.

Of the top five finishers, only one was American — an Indianapolis-made Stutz driven to fifth place by popular driver Barney Oldfield.

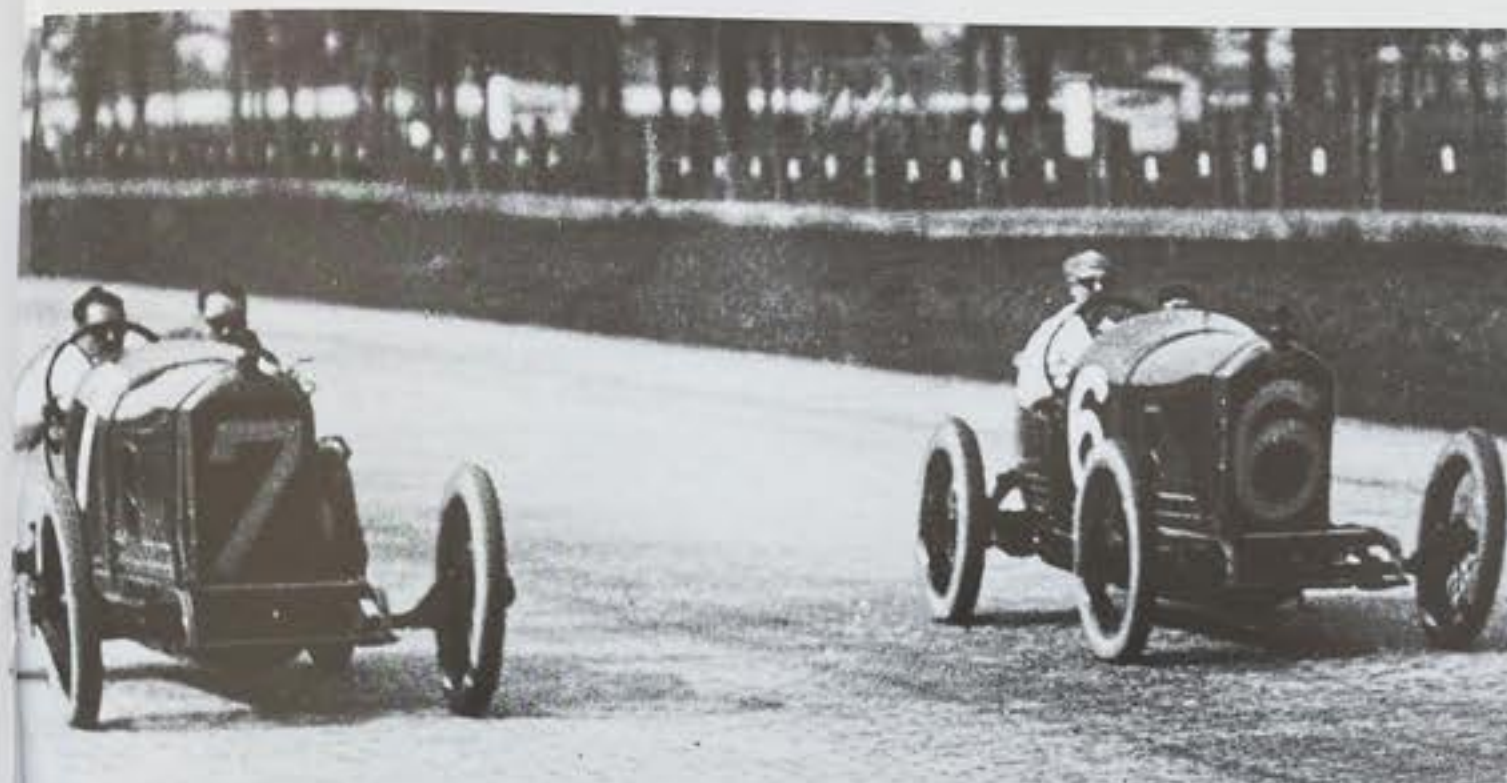
The Frenchmen also bested Joe Dawson's 1912 speed record, and Dawson was badly injured when his car turned over on the 44th lap. He recovered, but his racing days were over.



LEFT: Rene Thomas, 1914 winner of the Indianapolis 500. *StarNews Archives*

BELOW: Members of the French team stand in the Speedway garage area. Jules Goux drove the No. 6 French car and teammate Georges Boillot was the driver of the No. 7. Goux, who had won the race in 1913, finished fourth in 1914.

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LEFT: Georges Boillot (7) drives alongside teammate Jules Goux in practice laps for the 1914 500. In the race, Boillot's car lasted only 148 laps, and he finished 14th. *StarNews Archives*

BOTTOM LET: Eddie Rickenbacker sits at the wheel of his Duesenberg. Rickenbacker, who made his 500 debut in 1912, drove to a 10th-place finish in 1914 and won \$1,400.

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