

AUTOS IN 24 HOUR RACE

GREAT CROWD TO SEE THE START AT BRIGHTON BEACH.

**Stirring Contest in the Early Stages
—Stearns Leads at Ten Miles, but in
Twenty-third Mile Nearly Goes
Through Fence and Gives Way to Flat.**

Fifteen thousand spectators were present last night at the Brighton Beach Motor-drome to watch the start of the twenty-four hour race run by the Motor Racing Association, which was the greatest crowd that has ever turned out for the start of a twice around the clock contest in this country. The big grand stand and the new field stand that has just been erected to replace the old one that was torn down were both filled. Lines of spectators were standing along the track fence, and there were about 300 automobiles in the grounds.

The first event of the afternoon programme was the one mile free for all time trials. Ralph de Palma, at the wheel of the Flat Cyclone, was the first driver out and made the circuit of the track in 54 3-5 seconds. The Brighton Beach track record for one mile is 54 seconds, made by Walter Christie in his front drive racer. Charles Bowers, in the Peerless Red Dragon, made the distance in 1 minute 5 4-5 seconds. Louis Chevrolet, Buick, made his trial in 58 2-5 seconds.

Only two cars showed up for the fifty mile event for cars selling from \$1,251 to \$2,000. Louis Chevrolet, Buick, led from the start and won in 55 minutes 39 2-5 seconds. R. Craig Van Deventer, Oldsmobile, the only other starter, was fourteen miles behind Chevrolet when the latter finished thirty-miles.