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Two Derby Flyers Forced Down, but All Reach Goal

AMARILLO, Tex., Aug. 26. - (AP) - Two more contestants in the Santa Monica to Cleveland handicap air derby made forced landings today between Roswell, N.M., and Amarillo, and a third missed the field. But all of the fifty-two flyers who left El Paso this morning, however, were here for the overnight stop.

Ruth Stewart of St. Louis was forced down by motor trouble in a field near Roswell and did not arrive until after 9 p.m. A broken stabilizer forced Mrs. C. E. Shankle of Fort Sill, Okla., to land in a field near Amarillo, but she made repairs with a piece of barbed wire and was twenty-third to reach the landing field.

When within sight of the local field, Mildred Morgan of Beverly Hills headed her plane toward Claude, 30 miles southeast, and landed. She altered returned here, being the eighth to land.

Mrs. Gladys O'Donnell of Long Beach, consistent leader in flying time, again set the pace, flying from Roswell in one hour eight minutes and 32 seconds. Phoebe Ollie of Memphis was second; Jean LaRene of Dalles, third, and Florence Lowe Barnes of San Marino, fourth.

WOMEN LEAD IN AIR DERBY

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Contestants Land at Amarillo, Texas

AMARILLO, TEXAS, Aug. 26 - (A.P.) - Mrs. Gladys O'Donnell, consistent leader in elapsed time in the Santa Monica-to-Cleveland air derby, landed here from Roswell, N.M., at 4:12:32 p.m. today. She led other fliers on the 200 mile lap from Roswell by several minutes, averaging more than 180 miles per hour.

Mrs. Phoebe Ollie of Memphis was second to reach Amarillo. Mrs. Jean La Rene, Dallas; Florence Lowe Barnes, San Marino, Cal., and Louise Thaden, Pittsburgh, and other contestants landed in quick succession. M. E. Musgrove, Alameda, Cal., first of the men derbyists to complete the Roswell-Amarillo lap, landed at 4:38. E. B. Christopher, Chicago, followed him across the line by 20 seconds.

Women Lead General Handicap

Race Officials announced two women were leading the general handicap, in which men and women are entered, on computations including only the five hops to El Paso. They are Clema Granger, Santa Monica, Cal., who has a rating of 97.54 points, and Mrs. Phoebe Ollie, Memphis, second, with 97.31 points. Lee Brusse, Burbank, Cal., was third with 93.10; Edlon Cessa, Wichita, Kan., fourth, 92.92; G. B. Warren, Alameda, Cal., fifth, 91.44 and Mrs. Gladys O'Donnell, Long Beach, sixth, 89.88.

Granger, Ollie and O'Donnell held the first planes in the women's division while May Haizlip, of St. Louis, was fourth with 88.65. Brusse was first, Cessna second and Warren third in the men's division. Roy Hunt of Detroit was fourth with 90.89.



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