

Six Day Bike Rider Earns Easy Living the Hard Way

BY RITA FITZPATRICK

A six day bike racer earns an easy living the hard way. His life can be said to be one mad whirl after the other, but then it is no bed of roses either. How charley horses, black eyes, sprained ligaments, tired legs, and strenuous training programs tie up to earning approximately 50 dollars a day was learned last night in the Coliseum at the 46th International Six Day Bike race, which like many incongruous things in this giddy game, is lasting eight days.

It closes tonight and there will be 16 men, eight teams, who will have to get used to walking on the pavement and level again after riding 5 miles a day each at the average rate of 18 miles an hour around a track that seems to have no beginning and no end and resembles nothing more or less than a giant wooden saucer gone crazy.

Buzz Around at 50 M. P. H.

Eighteen miles an hour they say is the working average, and they aren't kidding about the "working" because even if a bike rider doesn't have to solve the secret of perpetual motion, it certainly would help, sometimes when they jam [steal laps] the racers buzz around at 50 miles an hour.

Of course, the hardest working man and the victorious one, is the man that laps up the most laps in the eight days. Just in case of a tie, however, it's a good thing, too, to have done a little extra peddling during the 50 sprints a day, as the sprints earned may become the deciding factor. It's a grind, but they seem to like it.

As Torchy Peden, who at 41 is the oldest, tallest, heaviest, and perhaps the tireddest contestant, said last night, "I don't know why, but bike riding is my first love. I sure don't know why."

Eat 10 Chops a Day

There are a few assets to be taken into account, of course. According to the head trainer, Michael Sanpina, some of the boys eat 10 to 20 chops a day and filet mignon at dinner as "a habit." Before the war some of them earned more than \$3,000 a year and may again. Their equipment costs approximately \$500. On the debit side, there is plenty to be said. Take the little woman, for example; say Mrs. Katherine Morton of Los Angeles, who watches her husband, Charles, hour after hour, day after day, with two wiggling children under her arms, Harry, 4, and Mike, 14 months.

Charles, of course, hasn't got it so easy himself. He has a trick black and blue eye from two bad spills his first night. For a month before the race, he gets up at 4:30 a. m., drinks warm milk, dashes out into the chill morning air, and rides from home to 50 miles on his bike.

Raw Egg for Breakfast

Then he dashes home for a breakfast of raw egg, oat meal, six soft boiled eggs, and a quart of milk. After working all day in a bicycle shop, he comes home to a gargantuan dinner and 20 minutes of riding the rollers in his basement. Then early to bed and early to rise

Bike Standings

94TH HOUR			
Teams	Miles	Laps	Points
Anderson and Bransgrove	1,743	9	498
Letourneur and Jacoby	1,743	9	254
Yates and Rodman	1,743	8	472
Peden and De Bacco	1,743	8	250
Yaccino and Pesek	1,743	7	451
Audy and Cyr	1,743	6	647
Bergna and Rinella	1,743	4	536
Morton and Juner	1,743	4	282

Leader—Anderson.

again, if he's not any wiser, he's at least thinner.

Believe it or not, bike riders even have baby sitter problems. Torchy, who has a 14 month old son, looked pretty sad last night because his wife wasn't there to watch him keep up with the "youngsters." "She couldn't get a sitter, he said disgustedly. "I'll have to get out of this game pretty soon."

Going into today's final whirl, the lead was shared by the teams of Bill Anderson-Stanley Bransgrove and Al Letourneur-Bill Jacoby. Other developments during last night's jams were Charley Bergna's loss of his partner, Mike Abt, who suffered a back injury. Bergna got a new partner in Sam Rinella of Alameda, Cal., when Tom Saetta of Brooklyn obligingly quit.

A bike rider's life is a dizzy whirl, all right, but then they get used to it. Everything runs in cycles.

Field Widens In Coliseum Bike Grind

The pace was beginning to show on some of the riders in the 46th International Six-Day Bike Race in the fifth day at the Coliseum today and the field of nine teams widened.

Al Letourneur, Los Angeles veteran, and his young associate, Bill Jacoby of Chicago, kept their lead at the 82d hour early today and were six laps in front of the last-place duo.

However, four teams still are in second place, one lap behind the leaders.

Standings at 4 a.m.

Teams	Miles	Laps	Pts.
Letourneur-Jacoby	1390	9	311
Audy-Cyr	1390	8	368
Anderson-Bransgrove	1390	8	414
Yaccino-Pesek	1390	8	392
Peden-DeBacco	1390	8	212
Bergna-Abt	1390	7	693
Yates-Rodman	1390	7	389
Saetta-Rinella	1390	4	167
Morton-Juner	1390	3	195

Leader—Jacoby.

LETOURNEUR BIKE TEAM SETS PACE IN SIX DAY RACE

Bike Standings

74TH HOUR			
Teams	Miles	Laps	Pts.
Letourneur-Jacoby	1516	9	304
Audy-Cyr	1516	8	523
Yaccino-Pesek	1516	8	375
Peden-DeBacco	1516	8	186
Bergna-Abt	1516	7	662
Anderson-Bransgrove	1516	7	381
Yates-Rodman	1516	7	370
Saetta-Rinella	1516	4	161
Morton-Juner	1516	3	185

Leader—Letourneur.

BY FRANK MASTRO

Al Letourneur, who has been competing in six day bicycle racing for 20 years, and Bill Jacoby held a margin of one lap over the rest of the field of eight teams at the sixth session of the race in the Coliseum last night, after an exciting series of jamming and spills.

For the second straight night the riders rode wildly, kept the crowd in continuous uproar, and gave an indication that they are reaching their peak. The event will wind up at 11 p. m.

Wild Bill Anderson, the popular railroad brakeman from Cleveland, stole the show last evening, starting more jams than all the other riders combined. The semi-bald Jules Audy, Charley Yaccino, and Tom Saetta also did yeoman work. Audy and his mate, Rene Cyr, advancing from seventh to third position.

Altho Al gives a great deal of credit for his team's present position to Jacoby, who is 25, his spirited riding and dare devil tactics in the last two nights have been a major factor.

LETOURNEUR AND JACOBY GO INTO BIKE RACE LEAD

Bike Standings

63TH HOUR			
Teams	Miles	Laps	Pts.
Letourneur and Jacoby	1268	9	144
Bergna and Abt	1268	8	530
Anderson and Bransgrove	1268	8	338
Yates and Rodman	1268	8	271
Peden and De Bacco	1268	8	145
Saetta and Rinella	1268	8	132
Audy and Cyr	1268	7	442
Yaccino and Pesek	1268	7	302
Morton and Juner	1268	6	156

Leader—Letourneur.

BY FRANK MASTRO

Al Letourneur and Bill Jacoby forged into the lead during the late hours in the bicycle marathon in the Coliseum last night, displacing Charley Bergna and Mike Abt, who had held the lead since Sunday night when they replaced Jerry Rodman and Cecil Yates.

Right behind them were Cecil Yates-Jerry Rodman, Charles Bergna-Mike Abt, Torchy Peden-Angelo De Bacco, Bill Anderson-Stanley Bransgrove, and Tom Saetta-Sam Rinella. Charley Yaccino and Erwin [Red] Pesek of Chicago dropped to eighth place. Last was held by Charley Morton and Oscar Juner.

PAIR QUILTS BIKE GRIND

The field in the 46th International six-day bike race was reduced from 10 to nine teams at the halfway mark today as two riders from different teams dropped out of the marathon at the Coliseum.

Rene Paquin of Montreal was forced to quit because of injuries and fatigue and four hours later Jack Eyemie of Masson, Quebec, retired. Eymie's partner, Stanley Bransgrove of Australia, was eligible as the new teammate of Bill Anderson of Cleveland, Paquin's former riding associate.

The standings:

Teams	Miles	Laps	Points
Bergna-Abt	1008	9	449
Yates-Rodman	1008	9	222
Peden-DeBacco	1008	9	114
Letourneur-Jacoby	1008	9	114
Audy-Cyr	1008	8	336
Yaccino-Pesek	1008	8	238
Saetta-Rinella	1008	8	87
Morton-Juner	1008	7	12
Anderson-Bransgrove	1008	5	264

Leader—Bergna.



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Al Le Tourneur, riding in six day bicycle race in the Coliseum, devotes rest period to making repairs on wheel. Race is to end late Saturday night.

BIKE RACE FIELD REDUCED TO NINE, PAQUIN GOES OUT

Bike Standings

46TH HOUR			
	Miles	Laps	Pts.
Bergna and Abt.....	889	8	372
Yates and Rodman.....	889	8	192
Saetta and Rinella.....	889	8	69
Andy and Cyr.....	889	7	290
Yaccino and Pesek.....	889	7	205
LeTourneur and Jacoby..	889	7	98
Peden and De Bacco.....	889	7	94
Morton and Juner.....	889	6	105
Eyamic and Bransgrove..	889	3	179

Leader—Bergna.

BY FRANK MASTRO

The 46th international marathon bicycle race, which opened in the Coliseum last Saturday with 11 two man teams, was reduced to nine last night when Rene Paquin of Montreal was forced out of competition because of aggravation of injuries suffered in the early stages.

Thus, Bill Anderson, wild jammng 28 year old railroad brakeman from Cleveland, was left without a partner for the rest of the evening.

Four Hour Time Limit

Referee Norman Hill, five time winner of this race, gave Anderson, whose colors were flying in fourth place when he found himself riding alone, four hours to find a new partner, or be disqualified.

Altho Ferdinando Grillo of Casablanca scheduled to start the affair with Stanley Bransgrove of Australia as his sidekick, arrived from Casablanca Monday, he came too late to qualify as a replacement for Paquin.

Anderson's case appeared hopeless, but whether or not he returned didn't change the fact the field had been cut to nine teams.

Shortly after Anderson lost the services of Paquin, biggest crash of the race occurred. Oscar Juner, San Francisco's standard bearer, started it when he skidded and fell. Angelo DeBacco, Cecil Yates, Charley Yaccino, Sam Rinella, and Mike Abt tumbled off their bikes over him. It was Abt's second bad fall in 24 hours, but he was back in action within 15 minutes.

At the time Mike Abt and Charley Bergna, his partner, were tied for first place with Rodman-Yates, and Rinella-Tom Saetta in mileage, but Bergna-Abt were leading on points.

Anderson Pair Wins Six Day Bicycle Race

Bike Standings

Teams	Miles	Laps	Pts.
Anderson-Bransgrove	1996	9	915
Letourneur-Jacoby	1996	9	524
Yaccino-Pesek	1996	8	1341
Yates-Rodman	1996	8	990
Peden-De Bacco	1996	8	447
Andy-Cyr	1996	7	725

BY FRANK MASTRO

Bill Anderson of Cleveland and Stanley Bransgrove of Australia captured the 46th International Six Day Bicycle race in the Coliseum last night.

Al Letourneur, 38 year old veteran, and Bill Jacoby, 25 year old Chicagoan, were second. Third were Erwin [Red] Pesek and Charley [Yakee] Yaccino of Chicago.

Go Into Lead Friday

Anderson and Bransgrove took the lead for the first time late Friday and held it to the finish. Their triumph was one of the most popular in the history of the event.

The finish was delayed because of two spills, the first involving Bransgrove and the second Anderson. The latter was a victim of the worst spill of the race.

Shortly after the race was resumed Bransgrove took a second spill.

Two teams—Charley Bergna-Sam Rinella and Charley Morton-Oscar Juner—withdrew during the last hour.

First Race Won by Duo

It was the first six day race won by either Anderson or Bransgrove, altho Bill was competing in his 39th meet. Anderson, who has been the sparkplug of the affair, was second once and third four times. Bill, who is of mixed Irish, French, Canadian, and Swedish extraction, has been racing 11 years.

When not pedaling a bike, Anderson serves as fireman for the Pennsylvania railroad and roller skating instructor. He was a B-17 army air forces gunner yinstructor.

Bransgrove, 28 years old, one more than Anderson, was competing in his first six day race. The Australian, who came from Melbourne three months ago, lives in San Francisco with his mother.

In ihren Gesichtern
steht es geschrieben



Voller Hoffnung, der Berliner Edler -
etwas zerknirscht von Geneugden (r.).



Forlini (links) und sein noch etwas
ängstlicher „Schüler“ Murphy.



Die Großen

Sechstage-Außenseiter nehmen

Schon vor der zweiten Nacht des Sechstagerennens in der Deutschlandhalle hat sich die Spreu vom Weizen getrennt. Zwei Gruppen haben sich gebildet; in der oberen Hälfte neun Paare mit den Favoriten van Looy/Post, Nielsen/Lykke, Bucher/Pfenninger, Bugdahl/Junkermann und Patterson/

Ben geduldet. Das beobachten, als sie den Anschluß von den „Asse“ reihenweise ihre Gewinnrunde sermaßen als Gesandte ihren Mut, ihr Geistes und ihr Können zuzuschätzen wissen. Motto: Je mehr man, um so mehr sich schonen.

Italiens früherer Sprinterweltmeister, Giuseppe Ognà, hatte schon in der ersten Nacht erhebliche Mühe; dennoch war er froh, daß es für ihn mit fünf Verlustrunden zunächst noch relativ günstig aussah. Als er dann jedoch einen Rundenrekordversuch unternehmen mußte, weil eine wertvolle Prämie für den schnellsten Sprinter ausgesetzt wurde, da wollte er schier verzweifeln. Dieser Gewaltspurt kostete ihn zuviel Kraft. Wenig später machte er denn auch - wie nicht anders zu erwarten war - einen ausgesprochenen „Fußmarsch“, wie es in der drastischen Sprache der Rennfahrer heißt. Das Ergebnis war für die Italiener niederschmetternd: acht Verlustrunden.

Die mutigsten Angreifer im Feld der 32 Fahrer sind die Mannschaft Nr. 10: Otto Altweck/Sigi Renz. Sie fuhren in der ersten Nacht wie die „Feuerwehr“, ließen keine Gelegenheit zu einem Fluchtversuch aus und wurden sogleich im Kreise der Gro-

ben geduldet. Das beobachten, als sie den Anschluß von den „Asse“ reihenweise ihre Gewinnrunde sermaßen als Gesandte ihren Mut, ihr Geistes und ihr Können zuzuschätzen wissen. Motto: Je mehr man, um so mehr sich schonen.

Wer den Strahl von Looy hier Winterbahnfahren stimmt nicht, dafür für ihn bisher kein „Ausgleichssport“ bisher ja nur in der Halle und besitzt Routine, daß er Spezialisten auf den Kilian: „Die echten Fahrer setzt sich Rik van Looy ist dafür.

Der Unpopuläre tagefahrer ist schon

Am Rande der Bahn

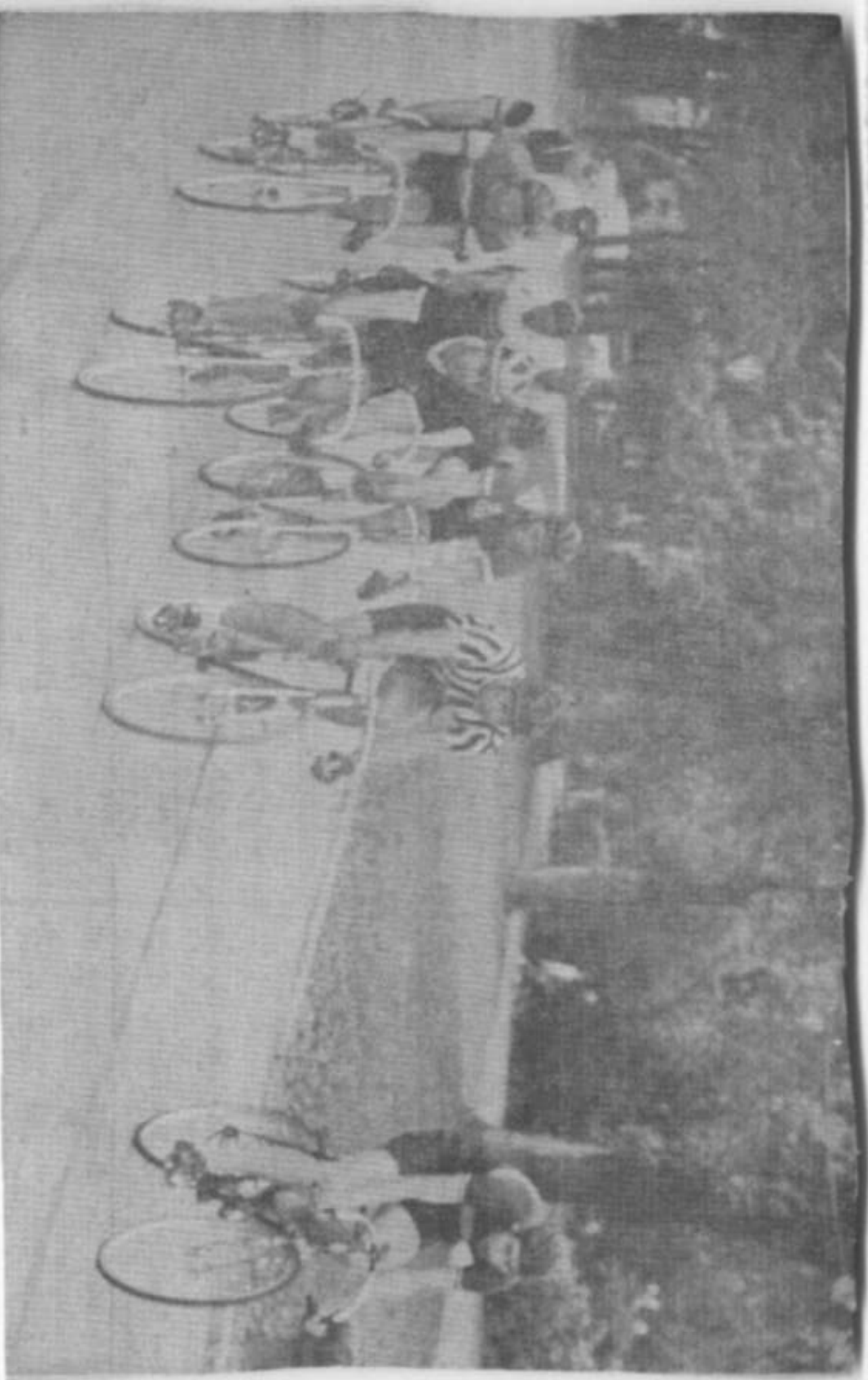
DAS SORGENKIND unter den sieben Mannschaften, die in der Westkurve der Deutschlandhalle ihr Lager aufgeschlagen haben, war in der ersten Nacht Hans Junkermann. Der Tour-de-France-Vierte hatte in den drei Jagden erhebliche Schwierigkeiten. „Heute war es wirklich schlimmer als auf dem Tourmalet-Paß in den Pyrenäen“, beklagte sich der Deutsche Straßenmeister. „Ich bekam kaum Luft, und die Beine waren wie abgeschnitten“, stöhnte „Hennes“, der sich mit einer Erkältung abplagt.

OFT DRÜCKEN die Favoritenpaare ein Auge zu und lassen einige Mannschaften kampfflos ein paar Gewinn-

tende sportliche Leistung. Er gibt den Antritt unterrichtet in Sechstagefahren. Der lins junger Fahrer und August Riecke ihm augenblicklich Kummer. „Beide unbeweglich auf vergeuden dabei meinte der „Sechstagefahrer fährt beispielsweise herum, daß er in den Runden mehr als zurückgelegt hat“, munder.

DER WAHREHEIT

Around the track — men in the Class A



WILL RIDE IN DERBY



Pictured above are the Toronto cycling team of left to right, Ron Atton, Art Johnston and Pat Murphy, who will probably ride a team in the coming nine day derby. The strong Toronto entry won a two day 100 mile team race held here last week-end.

(News-Record Photo by Mesaros)

Protest Choice Of Murphy For Olympics

Local bicycle racing fans were surprised recently at a violent attack directed at Canada's top road racer, Delhi's Pat Murphy by members of the Vancouver Bike Racing Society. Murphy, who has long been a favourite of fans both in Ontario and Quebec, was picked as a third man to represent Canada in the Olympic Games at Melbourne, Australia. The choice, obviously a good one, based on his top record as a road racer, came after Jim Davies of Vancouver, and Fred Markus, Toronto, had been picked to ride the shorter events, leaving an opening for the 120 mile road race.

One Vancouver official termed Murphy a 'mediocre rider,' and questioned his amateur standing, while another said he showed 'absolutely nothing.' The Vancouverites were quick to suggest that Terry Gamble, also of Vancouver was the person that should have been picked.

A veteran Toronto rider, and also one of the best in the game, when interviewed by The News-Record regarding the matter, said that he felt that Murphy was certainly the best choice. As he put it 'Murphy was picked on his showing for the season, and not one race.' He pointed out the fact that the rider who won the road race at Montreal trials (not Gamble), hadn't shown anything over the rest of the season, while Gamble didn't even enter the race. 'In my opinion, he said, 'Murphy is our top road man, while Gamble, who granted, is fast on the sprints, couldn't even

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Protest Against Murphy As Olympic Choice

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ride five miles without falling off his bike, let alone compete in a 120 mile marathon. Why Murphy would make him look silly in a road race,' he said.

He pointed out that Murphy won what was regarded as Canada's top road race in winning the 170 mile Quebec-Montreal race earlier this season.

Aside from the fact that Murphy is tops in Canada in ability, anyone who has had any dealings with the friendly Irishman, will agree that from a sportsmanship point of view, which is supposed to mean a lot in Olympic competitions, he is an ideal man. He has never been involved in any of the perennial promoter-rider hassles, and has always conducted himself in the best manner, both on and off the track.

Following is the press release from Vancouver which was published last week:

VANCOUVER, Sept. 12 — The riding ability and amateur status of an Ontario cyclist recently named to Canada's Olympic cycling team were challenged here yesterday.

Jim Davies Sr., trainer-coach of British Columbia's cycling team at recent Olympic trials, said Pat Murphy, of Delhi, Ont., 'showed absolutely nothing at the trials — he was beaten in every event he entered.'

Murphy was added to the Olympic team of Jim Davies Jr., of Vancouver and Fred Marcus, Toronto.

Dave Matthews, past president of the Vancouver Bike Racing Society, said Murphy was a 'mediocre rider.' He questioned Murphy's amateur status.

'I know for a fact that Murphy has ridden in road races with money prizes,' he said.

Davies Sr., secretary-manager of the society, said he favours Vancouver's Terry Gamble over Murphy.

Gamble won seven of eight races in the 1,000-metre event at the Olympic trials at Montreal, including a 10-length victory over Murphy.

Gamble finished third in point standings behind Davies and Marcus. Murphy did not place among the first six finishers.

Canada Pair in Cycle Races Here

Amateur bicycle riders representing the United States, Canada and Germany will compete Saturday night in a series of races at Shewbridge Field, 74th and Morgan.

Featuring the card is a one-hour team race. Pat Murphy, Canadian national champion, and his Olympic teammate, Fred Marcus, are the latest foreign riders to enter the race.

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