

THE PHILS AND THE A'S ARE THE CHAMPION SECOND-FINISHERS IN BOTH OF THE MAJOR LEAGUES

FASTEST TIME FOR MILE ON BIKE, 571.5 SECONDS, MADE 23 YEARS AGO ON BOARDS BEHIND LOCOMOTIVE

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger

ONE night down at Point Breeze Velodrome, four years ago, Clarence Carman rode in a match race against Didier, Linart and Wiley. Near the finish he put on a sprint and his fastest mile was timed in 58.4 seconds.

This was before the size of the track was reduced and it was three laps to the mile. While this performance never has been put down in the records, it probably is the fastest mile ever ridden on a circular track by a man on a bicycle behind a motor-paced machine. It also is the fastest mile ever ridden by Carman for after that the old track was torn down and a new six-lap track constructed. His best mark on the new speedway was one mile in one minute.



CLARENCE CARMAN

Every time there is a race at the Velodrome and the riders are speeding around the track, somebody starts an argument about the world's record for one mile on a bicycle. It has been hard to dig up the dope, but here it is.

About twenty-three years ago a rider named Murphy said that under proper conditions he could ride a mile a minute on his bike. At that time bicycle riding was all the rage and the streets held more pedal-pashers than automobiles at the present time. Bicycle meets were held all over the country, but the athletes of the wheel just got out and rode without any protection from the wind.

Therefore, Murphy's claims that he could travel a mile a minute were not taken seriously, for the best mark ever made at that time was 1:45 behind human pace. The next year Major Taylor, riding behind a steam tandem, rode a mile in 1 minute 16 seconds, in Chicago.

However, Murphy was given a chance and he made good. A passenger locomotive was brought into use and a huge wooden windshield built on one side. A board track was built along the rails and, with a flying start and riding behind this windshield while the locomotive ran with the throttle wide open, Murphy rode a mile in 57.15 seconds.

This was such hazardous work and the rider was forced to take so many chances that no one ever has expressed a desire to take another try at the mark, an honor which "Mile-a-Minute Murphy's" record still stands.

Carman to Try for Record

"BEFORE the summer is over I shall try to beat that mark," said Carman the other day. "If I can't do it on the circular track, I know I can do it on a straight, level road with an automobile in front of me. While I am in condition I am going after that old record."

It still seems strange that a man on a bicycle can ride sixty miles or more per hour, but it is being done almost every time there is a motor-paced race. This is because the riders are protected from the wind and there is nothing to hold them back. The man on the motorcycle stands straight up and serves as a human windshield. The legs and the body shield the wind the same as water damping against a rock, and the man behind is in a dead calm.

It has been noticed that the bicycles are not like the

ones we used to see on the streets, but have a smaller front wheel than rear. This is not because of additional speed, but because the smaller wheel and inverted forks allow the rider to get closer to the motor pacer. Sometimes the man on the motor stands with bent knees, and when this happens the bicycle rider is handicapped by the wind. Even a little thing like that is likely to lose a race. One night Madonna fired two pacemakers because they didn't stand straight on their machines.

Riding at such a dizzy pace is strenuous exercise, but the athletes do not seem to mind it.

"Five minutes after a hard fifty-mile race," says Carman, "I feel just as fresh as when I started and my legs don't feel tired except in the wrists. My legs never bother me at all." The reason for this is the men get into condition and stay that way. They don't have to train, except in the actual races. Carman rides at least three forty-mile events a week, and says that's just enough to keep him in top shape. Once he rode seven nights in succession but that was too much and he cracked under the strain.

"When the season starts," he says, "I begin my training by taking long rides. I ride from New York to Boston, a distance of 285 miles, and ride from eighteen to twenty hours at a stretch. I also take long walks, get plenty of rest and am very careful about my diet."

"AFTER that, all you need is one race under your belt and you are in condition for the entire summer. You never have to worry about condition. You've GOT to be in shape or you can't stand the pace."

Won Title Three Times

CARMAN is the American motor-paced champion, having won the title last year. He also won it in 1916 and 1917, but was away in the navy in 1918. Winning the title three times is pretty nifty work.

He also has gained fame abroad, having returned recently from a trip to France and Belgium. Over there he won seven out of twelve races, one being the Grand Prix in Paris, one of the big bicycle events of the year. In that race he defeated Seres, the French champion; Linart, the Belgian title-holder; Didier, Lavaldie and Wiley, riding seventy-one and one-half kilometers (or about forty-five miles) in an hour.

"In Europe everybody has gone in for sport," said Carman. "They are trying hard to forget about the war and every sports event is well attended. In France huge through-witness soccer football matches, and it is the same in Belgium. I rode in Paris, Bordeaux, Brussels and Antwerp, and found almost every one anxious to throw off the grim reminders of the great war and enjoy themselves."

"But you cannot forget all about it. While traveling on the train through France one sees towns being rebuilt in some spots, while in others everything has been reduced to dust and stone. Fields are full of shell holes and piles of shells can be seen everywhere. It seems that all of the barbed wire in the world has been moved to France, where it is in huge heaps in all of the fields."

"I remember passing through a forest. Perhaps it was beautiful once, but to me those charred sticks looked like a chicken with its members picked off. No wonder the people are trying to forget."

"I AM going back next winter and have signed a contract to appear there on October 2. The game is good over there and will attract many Americans."

"THE Olympic games furnish a lot of conversation and no doubt will be well attended. They fear the American athletes, but have an idea that the team from Sweden will give them a close run. The English and French are considered out of the run."

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NEW MARKS PROBABLE IN U. S. TRIAL TESTS

Several Records Virtually Sure to Go in National Track Championships at Cambridge

By EDWIN J. POLLOCK

PROVIDED the cinder path at Soldiers' Field, the playground of Johnny Harvard's undergraduates, is in its usual splendid condition and provided the athletes of Uncle Sam provided the athletes of Uncle Sam provided the athletes of Uncle Sam...

The best athletes America has to offer in track and field sports will show the results of weeks of preparation and training when they compete for the National Amateur Athletic Union championships and for the honor of representing the Stars and Stripes in the Olympic games at Antwerp next month. One record that surely will be shattered is the mile time of 4 minutes 12.5 seconds. These figures were made by Jole Ray, the marvelous distance runner of the Illinois A. C., who once again is waiting to take a crack at the mark. Ray unquestionably is the miler of the year, and if conditions are right it would not be a great surprise to see him crack Norman Taylor's world record of 4 minutes 12.5 seconds.

Little Beyond Ray A no less authority than Lawson Robertson, coach of the University of Pennsylvania team and one of the assistants to Jack Donohue as trainer of the Olympic runners, believed Ray capable of bettering the world's figure. Ted Meredith some time ago stated that Ray can do 4:10.

The 100 and 220 time for the championship meets now stand at 9.4-5 and 21.2-5 seconds. Followers of Charlie Paddock, the flash from the coast, figure that he can at least equal both of these times, if not beat them. Then there's the high jump figure, now at 6 feet 3.3-10 inches. Landon, the lean-limbed leaper from Yale, who holds the intercollegiate championship, has been lifting himself over the bar at 6 feet 4 inches consistently this year and there is no reason to believe he can't repeat.

Landon Has Confidence Landon has learned much in the last year. Previously he was inexperienced, and although he had the ability, he lacked the confidence and the "wind-up" out of first place. Talk falls off him now like peas off a knife.

Back in 1916 Don Scott, the Michigan A. C. half-mile set the "880" championship time at 1 minute 54 seconds. Philadelphia's Charlie Paddock has one candidate in the person of Earl Eby, who is likely to shatter that mark on Saturday. Eby will represent the Chicago A. A., but Philadelphia has a claim on him as a student of the University of Pennsylvania.

Lawson Robertson voiced the opinion of the intercollegiate on Franklin's side that Eby might get Meredith's mark of 1:53 in the college half-mile. But his strength was taken

Olympic Candidates Will Shoot at These Records

The candidates for the American Olympic team will have the following records, the best ever made in an A. A. C. championship, for targets in the Cambridge trials on Saturday:

- 100-yard dash—9.4-5. J. Owens, Jr., Ill. N. S. 1919. 1920. F. E. Harris, Ill. N. S. 1920. 1920. 220-yard dash—22.2-5. P. J. Walters, New York A. C., 1920. 440-yard dash—14.4-5. Don Scott, Massachusetts A. C., 1916. 800-yard dash—1:54. Jole Ray, Illinois A. C., 1919. 1500-yard dash—4:12.5. Jole Ray, Illinois A. C., 1919. 5-mile run—24:36.4-5. C. P. Moran, New York A. C., 1920. 10-mile run—51:02.5. C. P. Moran, New York A. C., 1920. 15-mile run—1:11:18. H. Kuchinaker, Irish-American A. C., 1919. 20-mile run—1:28:36. S. B. Landon, Ill. N. S., 1920. 30-mile run—2:00:15.5. G. H. Wooding, Toronto, 1915. 35-mile run—2:18:45.5. R. Simpson, Missouri, 1916. 40-mile run—2:28:45. Fred Murray, San Francisco, 1916. 440-yard hurdles—34.4-5. W. W. Hummel, Chicago A. C., 1919. 880-yard hurdles—1:20:15.5. Floyd Smart, Chicago A. C., 1917. High jump—6 ft. 3.3-10 in. J. Murphy, Michigan A. C., 1919. Broad jump—23 ft. 11 in. K. Kelly, Oregon, 1917. Pole vault—30 ft. E. D. Ahern, Illinois A. C., 1913. Shot-put—30 ft. 28 in. R. H. W. W. Wooding, Toronto, 1915. Hammer throw—183 ft. 8 in. P. J. Ryan, Irish-American Club, 1914. Arjile Mucke, Wisconsin, 1919. Javelin throw—190 ft. 6 in. G. A. Brown, Irish-American Club, 1914. 56-pound weight—38 ft. 9 in. P. J. McDonald, Irish-American Club, 1911.

up in the quarter-mile race. Eby will concentrate in the "880" Saturday and new figures may be expected.

Philadelphia Hopes Philadelphia's quota for the games will leave here tonight on the Federal Express and will arrive in Boston tomorrow morning. Meadowbrook leads in the number of men entered with thirteen, and the Wannamaker boys are sure to make a creditable showing. Last year Meadowbrook got in for only three points, but with such men as Barron, Lever, Mehan, Brown, Maxam and others they gather a number of counters.

Last season the games were won by the New York A. C. on a four-point margin over the Chicago A. A. The big town club again is the favorite for the team title, but there will be much more competition from all over the country this year, and the winner most likely will not be able to collect forty-six points, as was the case a year ago.

Brownies Desire Game Due to a sudden cancellation the North Philadelphia Browns are without a game for Saturday. Games downed. Wooding, 1917. Class home club. Charles Cunningham, 1107 Locust street, or phone 7034. 6:30 after 6:30 p. m.

Five Leading Batters in Two Major Leagues

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Table with columns: Player, Club, G., A.B., R., H., P.C. Includes names like Shiner, Speaker, Ketcher, Ruth, Rice.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with columns: Player, Club, G., A.B., R., H., P.C. Includes names like Hurst, Smith, Konecny, Rube, Groh.

LOCAL BOYS WIN

Hartman and Clark Triumph in Olympic Boxing Finals

New York, July 15.—Selections for the United States Olympic boxing team were made here last night when semifinal bouts were held in a half dozen classes.

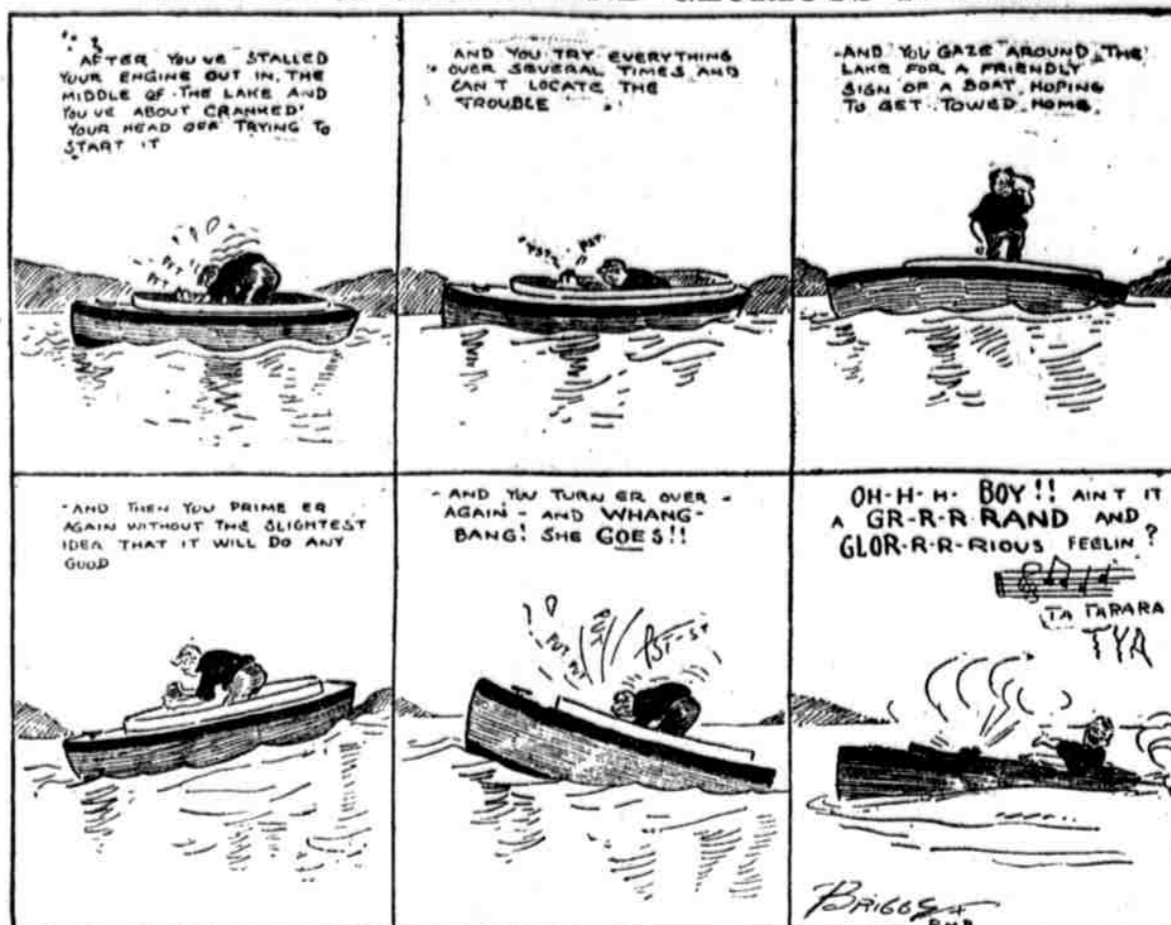
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Reduction Sale Men's Furnishings

Table listing men's clothing items and prices: 2.50 & 3.00 Shirts, 1.65; 1.00 & 1.50 Scarfs, .55; 18.00 Flannel, 11.50; 13.50 & 15.00 Trousers, 7.95; 3.50 Pure Silk, 1.95; 2.50 Union Suits, 1.45; 35.00 Raincoats, 17.50; 10.00 Bathing Suits, 5.95; 35c Initial Handkerchiefs, 1.00; 3.50 Pure Silk Knitted Scarfs, 1.95.

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4 BRAND-NEW "CHAMPS" NOW HOLDING LOCAL GOLF PEAKS

All Titles Reshuffled in 1920 Championships Here—Often True Elsewhere—Golf Match for History Played in Junior Tourney, 142-195

By SANDY McENIBLICK

WHEN R. Kent Hanson, Cedarbrook, won the junior golf championship of Philadelphia yesterday, the fourth straight individual local title passed into new hands.

Each championship was won by a player in his or her twenties, and therefore lacking in the real tourney experience that goes with many years at the game. In two of the match-play finals youth defeated the veteran.

If you scan the records throughout the country in all its various districts, indeed throughout the world this season, you will find what is probably an unprecedented number of brand-new titleholders.

A harbinger of what was to happen this season came to pass at Pinehurst in the three major championships of the north and south. The amateur, women, and woman champion were all three dethroned when Mrs. J. V. Hurd won the women's title, Freddy McLeod won the open, and Francis Ouimet won the amateur title.

Local Upsets Miss May Bell started in Philadelphia by defeating Mrs. Ronald H. Barlow, the women's titleholder, and by winning the event in the finals against Mrs. C. H. Fox.

J. W. Platt deposed George Hoffman as local amateur champion, himself ascending the throne over the sticks of the veteran Horace H. Francine.

Frank McNamara, Cherry Valley, Pa., won his first title when he won the Philadelphia open at Atlantic City yesterday at Old York Road in the shifting of the titles when he defeated G. Warren Stevens, Old York Road, 5 and 3, in the finals of 185 and Watson scored 108. Neither made the final, for there weren't any old ones in the play. They were all ineligible, Hanson himself in twenty and will therefore not be eligible next year. He won the medal and the finals, and easily proved himself the real class of one of the biggest fields the tourney has seen.

Titles did not shift so generally in the club play locally. Merion successfully defended both its women's and men's club championships. But North Hills won the suburban title, Woodbury being dethroned.

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Miss Wethered Wins The British ladies' championship was won by the holder, Miss Cecil Leitch, but her opponent in the final round was a girl playing in her first championship, viz., Miss Nancy Griffiths. Youth and inexperience in the women's ranks turned the tables in the English championship, in which Miss J. Wethered, a sister of the Oxford University golf captain, defeated Miss Leitch in the thirty-six-hole final by 2 and 1. Miss Wethered, though only eighteen years of age, not only won the English title, but also defeated Miss Leitch in her first defeat she had sustained since 1913.

The British amateur championship

U. S. VS. ITALY IN BIKE RACE TONIGHT

Carman and Bedell Matched Against Colombatto and Madonna in Forty-Mile Grind

Another international match race is on the card for the Point Breeze Velodrome tonight, when Clarence Carman, the world's champion, and Menus Bedell will ride for America against George Colombatto and Vincenzo Madonna, of Italy. The distance will be forty miles.

These four riders competed in a team match race a week ago and the Americans won with eight points against three. At that time Colombatto was in poor shape and could do no better than fourth. He has recovered entirely from his recent illness and is now in good condition.

Promoter Chapman arranged tonight's race with the idea of giving the Italians a chance to get back at the Americans. If Colombatto is his best he should give Carman a battle for first place.

International flavor also is attached to the sprint match race, best two in three one-mile heats, between Willie Spencer, the Canadian champion, and Orlando Piani, the best of the Italian short-distance men. Spencer recently beat Piani and is the slight favorite to win, although the Italian has been training hard for the match.

A large number of amateur entries have been received and the sprint pure events will be run in heats.

MACKS SIGN SCOUT

"Doc" Barrett to Look 'Em Over for Connie Mack

Williamstown, Mass., July 15.—"Doc" Barrett, who has looked after the physical welfare of Williams College athletes for the last twenty years, has signed as a scout with Connie Mack's Athletics. He left today on his first trip, which will take him to the Canadian League, in quest of big league timber. Barrett formerly scouted for the Giants and was trainer for the Yankees for many years.

BIKE POINT BREEZE VELODROME

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U. SAM AND J. BULL EACH .500 IN SPORTS

United States and England Are Tied to Date in Athletic Competition for Season as Yacht Race Gets Under Way

By GRANTLAND RICE

THE international imbroglio between our Uncle Samuel and one Jonathan Bull has now reached an acute stage.

Taking only the main events of the year to date we now find them neck and neck as the yacht races get under way in what may prove to be the decisive test.

Great Britain got the first jump in the Pennsylvania relays. This left a point to her credit.

She came back with a sweep in golf when Mr. Tolley beat Bob Gardner and when her leading professional left America's open champion floundering in the whins and bunkers quite a number of strokes to the windward.

At this point our tennis team stepped forward and reversed the program. Tilden and Johnston, aided and abetted by Williams and Garland, romped through the pick of British tennis players without turning a hair. The margin was too decisive in the London and Wimbledon championships to even call for an argument.

Princeton's fine track team followed up this achievement by beating Oxford, thereby evening up the track reverse at Philadelphia.

Taking in golf, tennis and the track industries the standing of the two nations to date is practically as follows:

Table with columns: Events, Won, Lost, Pct. United States: 4, 2, .500. Great Britain: 4, 2, .500.

Next in Order THERE are now two international conflicts of unusual interest impending. These two are the yacht races for the America's Cup and the 1920 Olympic games.

The Revue and the new Shamrock are now on the verge of deciding the next international contest. There will be no grandstand replete with spectators yelling "Attahoy" or even "Attayacht" in this next affair, but in spite of that it is surprising how many noncombatants are closely interested in what will take place.

The Olympic results follow the yacht races and these will leave the international standing fairly complete unless our tennis team is overthrown in the Davis Cup matches, which, after all, are the main tennis features of the year.

THESE international matches have all been marked by the best sort of sportsmanship upon both sides. Not a hitch so far has arisen. It has been shown that the sportsmen of the two countries can get along without a squabble of any sort, a result that might be taken into consideration by a few politicians and a few editors.

When international sport can be conducted upon this plane it is not only a fine thing for the game, but also for the two countries—and eternity knows the world has come to a place where a little more friendliness can be used.

About 10 per cent more than the world has known in the last six years, at least.

The Other Entry LEAVING out the Olympic games, which belongs to all nations, France is the only remaining nation able to offer anything in the way of an international melee.

France, through Carpentier, has won a big decision over Great Britain, but Carpentier has no such decision over any American heavyweight of note. The French boxer has apparently admitted his inability to cope with Dempsey. If he thought that he had a good chance to win the match would now be in the making. But the big difference in weight and power is too much against the French champion, whose sole chance to win would be through a decisive blow at the start of the match.

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