OFF ON THE SIX DAY GRIND

BICYCLISTS BEGIN RIDE IN MADISON SQUARE GARDEN.

Eight Nations Represented by the Thirty Men Riders Parade to Cheers of the Crowd Present and Are Sent Off on Journey by Big Tim Sullivan.

THE SCORE AT 1 O'CLOCK

	M.	Lap
MacFarland Clarke	21	4
Hehir Goullet	21	4
Fogler Hill	21	4
Walthour Lawson	21	4
Root Moran	21	4
Mitten Thomas	21	4
Cameron Halstead	21	4
Pye Walker	21	4
Willy Lawrence	21	4
Collins Drobech	21	4
Galvin Anderson	21	4
Butt Stol	21	4
Gervais Verlinden	21	4
Georget Bourrus	21	4
West Dechaux	21	4

New York's annual six day bicycle race was started at one minute after midnight (12:01 A. M.) this morning in Madison Square Garden. State Senator Timothy D. Sullivan, Big Tim, acted as official starter and fired the revolver that sent the eleven pairs of riders away on their 142 hour continuous contest. Soon after 11:30 o'clock Al Copeland, the clerk of the course, called the men from their camps in various parts of the building. Each team was then introduced to the spectators and made a couple of circuits of the track, each rider carrying his national flag.

After the teams had finished their parading around the track they were lined up at the tape and a lot of flashlight photographs were taken. The race appears to retain all of its popularity, as all the available seats in the building were occupied last night long before midnight, and a couple of thousand men and boys were standing around in the aisles and boxes. There were quite a number of women among the spectators, who voluntarily did without a few hours sleep last night to be present for the start of the race.

The race is to be a continuous 142 hours event, finishing at one minute after 10 o'clock next Saturday night. The rules provide that the race is not to be started for the sprint races or motor paced contests and exhibitions that were run during the progress of some of the former races. Some of the rules is supposed to be on the track for more than twelve hours out of each twenty four. The track is composed of saturated wood, banked on the turns about five feet, with sleepers laid in it. Madison and Fourth avenue ends of the building.

The edges of the balcony are lined with huge signs extolling the merits of chewing gum, whiskies, mineral waters and cigarettes and posters of different theatrical attractions have been tacked up around the building. In the track itself are there are a number of stands where sandwiches, ice cream, popcorn, candy and fruit are for sale. Down in the basement there is the usual beer and hot dog counter, a regular lunch stand and a shooting gallery.

The teams that started with the official titles given to them by the race committee are as follows:

Coast to Coast Team, Vigo Cameron, New York, and Frank Halstead, Sacramento, American Danish Team, Frank Clarke, Denver, and Norman Anderson, Copenhagen, German Indian Team, Walter Rutt, Berlin, and Johann Stol. Holland French Belgian Team, Arthur Gougoz, France, and Francois Georget, Belgium. Lorraine Team, Faustin Chaussier, Rheims, and Alfred Gougoz. Australia and New Zealand Team, Walthour, Atlanta, and Lloyd Thomas, San Francisco. Irish Team, George Wiley, Syracuse, and Peter Drobech, San Francisco. Belgian Team, Jules Verlinden, France, and Julien Bourrus, France. Canadian Team, E. A. Poe, Australia, and Scottish Australian International Team, Jack Gray, Midland, San Jose, Cal., and Jack Gray, Metropolitan, Australia. American Team, Frank Moran, Chelsea, Mass., and Fred Hill, Boston. Dixie Mormon Team, Rudy Dusek, Chicago, and Iver Lawson, Salt Lake City. Yankee Team, Joe Fogler, Brooklyn, and Fred Hill, Boston. Irish Team, Jim Miles, Boston, and Peter Drobech, Boston. Jack Rose Team, Fred C. West, San Francisco, and Alfred De Mara, San Francisco.

Walter Rutt and Johann Stol are Nos. 1 and 2 in the race. They won the race in 1907 and were the first foreign team to finish first, though several teams have competed in all of the eight years they had been run in the Garden. This year Stol had to compete with the winner of last year's race and Rutt formed the combination with Vigo Cameron, a partner, Floyd MacFarland and Clarke paired out. The new team of Richard and Clarke had to accept a penalty lap for not making up a new team. The old team of the pair very much in the race, as the two of the greatest sprint men in the world. They gained the lap they missed to join them on even terms with the leaders on their first appearance. Rutt and Stol, who made their debut in Madison Square Garden last night, held this one lap lead to the finish of the race.

Leon Georget and Igline Bourrus, Nos. 3 and 4, Georget has taken in several of the six day races and was in the race for the lead up to the final one. This was a member of one of the teams in the first appearance of the six day race in the Grand Prize of Paris race. Bourrus scored in a number of big events in Europe.

Germain and Verlinden, Nos. 5 and 6. Germain started for the first time in the last year's race, but was handicapped by poor teammate. Verlinden was in the first six day race.

Pye and Walker are Nos. 7 and 8. Pye rode in the first six day race and was sixth in the final score. Walker was sixth in the race between eight teams. Walker was in the 1908 race, with Walthour, who finished as his team mate, but finished in the 1909 race.

Hehir and Goullet are Nos. 9 and 10. Hehir rode his first six day race last year. He had Haisfield as his partner and the pair finished in eighth place. Goullet's team mate has been in every six day race.

MacFarland and Clarke are Nos. 11 and 12. MacFarland is the veteran of the lot and with the late Harry Elkes as his partner won the second team race in 1909. He also won the Garden in 1909 when Moran was his team mate. Clarke has started in most of the races since 1906, first as a third in the 1907 race with Hill as his partner. Jack Clarke is one of the best sprinters in the world and one of the few riders that have defeated Frank L. Kramer in the last few years.

Root and Moran are Nos. 13 and 14. Root won the race in 1909 with Oliver Dupre as his team mate. Root won the race in 1906 and is the only rider left on the track of the winning team in that same year he and Fogler finished second. Moran is another veteran. He was Mac Farland's team mate when they won the 1908 race. He did not ride last year.

Fogler and Fred Hill are numbers 15 and 16. Fogler was first in the point race and Fred Kreis was second in 1909 with Root second on that day. Last year he and Root finished second. Fred Hill started in the 1908 race with De Mara as his team mate and they finished in third place.

Walthour and Lawson are numbers 17 and 18. Walthour won the race in 1908 when the late Archie Hahn was his partner. He won the race in 1909 when Ben Munro was his partner. Lawson has ridden in a number of six day races but did not finish in any one except last year when he and De Mara were second.

Collins and Drobach are Nos. 19 and 20. Collins is a motor paced rider and was the American motor paced championship last year and last.

Cameron and Halstead are numbers 21 and 22. Cameron started in the race for P. T. Fearis. He finished in last year's race but his team mate, Floyd Kreis, gave out during the race. Halstead took his first race last year.

Mitten and Thomas are Nos. 23 and 24. Mitten and West were with Thomas last year. Thomas has been a professional for only a few months.

Galvin and Anderson are Nos. 25 and 26. Galvin had Pete Keegan as his partner last year, but did not finish. Anderson with Vanoni as his partner finished ninth.

Wiley and Lawrence are numbers 27 and 28. Wiley last year started with Drobach, but they did not finish. Lawrence rode his first six day race last year.

West and the Marquis are numbers 29 and 30. Hehir's teammate, De Marquis rode his first six day race in 1908. Last year De Marquis had Iver Lawson as his teammate and they finished in seventh place.

Clemmons led the procession of the men from the dressing rooms to the track after the start and Mitten was the first rider to pick up a lap in the race. Walker followed Mitten and Wiley led Pye a lap. Hehir was in the minority [illegible] minutes [illegible] Collins and Anderson [illegible] Clarke, Moran and Lawson [illegible] Moran and Clarke [illegible] Moran [illegible] Clarke [illegible] Moran [illegible] Clarke [illegible] Moran [illegible]