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### "Little Old New York" Team Finishes First in Killing Pace.

### MILES BEHIND THE RECORD

#### For First Time Since the Start the Crowd is Large—No Serious Accident.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—At Madison Square Garden at 10 o'clock tonight what proved to be the most unsatisfactory six-day bicycle race ever run here was finished. The teams that were tied for first place at that time were Root and Fogler Downey and Moran, MacDonald and Coffey, Mettling and Logan, Hopper and Downing, Rutt and MacFarland, Fye and Clark, Georget and Georget, Walthour and Bedell, and Breton and Samuelson.

The ten teams, however, were not represented in the final mile dash to decide who should gain the first prize of \$1,500, for two of the teams, Walthour and Bedell and Breton and Samuelson were a lap behind, having been penalized that distance because of their original team mates having withdrawn from the race. As a climax to the race one man from each of the eight teams tied were selected to make the final one-mile sprint to decide the winner. These were Fogler, Downey, MacDonald, Mettling, Downing, Rutt, Clark, and F. Georget.

That Walthour was not to be a competitor in the finish displeased the crowd of 12,000 persons, and they voiced their feeling of sympathy for the Southern boy in tremendous applause as he left the track. Seen in his training quarters after the race, Walthour had only words of praise for his treatment at the hands of the management, but expressed himself as disgusted at the rules governing the race.

As soon as the doors were opened to admit spectators for the last spurt of the week the great crowd began to surge into the garden. More than 2,000 were turned away when officials of the police and fire departments ordered the doors closed and refused to permit any one else to enter. A great crowd of enthusiasts stood about the doors and blocked Madison avenue to hear the reports as they were passed out.

After the elimination for the finish the following riders were left on the saucer track:

Fogler, Downey, MacDonald, Mettling, Downey, Rutt, Clark, and E. Georget.

The Order of the Finish.

Following is the order of the finish: Fogler, Downey, Rutt, MacDonald, Downey, Mettling, Clark, and Georget. The final score was 2,322 miles and 2 laps.

Beginning with the displeasure at the ruling adverse to Walthour, the popular favorite, the crowd gradually began to find fault with the race and the judges. During the last three days the feeling had been growing, and it reached its culmination tonight, when the last enervating spurt started with the favorite out of the going.

Eight times Walthour had made up the lap he lost early in the race when his partner, Downey, eight times he had been the victim of other riders who fell off while he was making the lap. Bravely and with a grim determination he rode through to the last laps before the elimination and until the very last, his friends hoped against hope that he would get a chance for the prize.

Spectators Show Disapproval.

A dull growth of disapproval went over the Garden as the final began. Cheers went up from time to time as the speed of the riders increased and as one after another of the game contenders showed new speed after his long drive, the crowd howled its approval. On and on they went in the dizzy whirl around the dispan track until in the turns the moon seemed to be horizontal with the ground and many women went for fear they would actually topple over.

The crowd present was boisterous, but

not unruly. A big oow bell in the hands of a gallery enthusiast, made a terrific din until silenced by an attaché. A few cloth advertising signs on the galleries were torn from their moorings and dropped on those in the lower tiers. That and frequent showers of torn newspapers was the extent of the rowdiness, except the deafening noise every time a rider appeared about to make the sprint that never came.

The fate of the race hung in the balance early in the evening. Health Commissioner Darlington and a dozen sanitary inspectors, backed by ten of the police health squad under Sergeant Cray took a hand in the game. Police Inspector Billy McLaughlin and 300 policemen were ready for the word to "clear the building." It was a toss up whether to take the riders' word for their buoyant spirits and good condition or the evidence of their eyes in the examination of each man.

Poor Added Attractions.

While the men were forced to leave the track for examination, the management hurried to find attractions to keep the crowd quiet. Any old thing served the purpose—a motor exhibition "against time," match races between any one they could find in a hurry to fill in a long wait. After twenty minutes Dr. Bessel reported to his superior that all was well and the race proceeded.

MacFarland was much in evidence during the last few hours, taking the burden of weary pedaling off Rutt's shoulders, that the hardy little German might be saved for the last grueling spurt. Fogler bore the brunt for the "Little Old New York" team.

Moran spent many weary hours saving Matt Downing, but the other pairs spent the week evenly, grinding away in desperation without any real hope of more than a minor place at the finish. The Georget brothers, said to be the least fit of any, always trailed in last position, relieving one another often.

Between 5 and 6 o'clock Walthour and Bedell, changing pace with Breton and Samuelson, took the bunch at an even twenty-mile clip. For sixty minutes, during which all of the twenty riders still in the race made frequent changes, the spurt continued without advantage to any.

Little Coffey, of the Boston kid team, both of whom are still in their teens, spilled on the hoodoo turn shortly before 7 o'clock, but fell softly without taking anyone with him.

Walthour Makes Strong Spurt.

Walthour, in the front division, jumped away just as the red flag went out. Downey was his only competitor, and the two discovered their mistake within one circle of the saucer. The judges were roundly hissed, but for once, at least, they were in the right. Twenty minutes later Fye's swig of "dope" died, and he took a solitary tumble which woke him with a start but did no damage.

Breton and Samuelson sprang into favor and divided applause with Walthour and Bedell in their "forlorn hope" efforts. Root and Fogler never made an appearance without bringing prolonged hisses.

At a quarter past 9 o'clock Walthour made his last desperate effort to regain his lost lap. The pace had been fast for half an hour, and the spurt was unexpected, catching everyone but MacFarland and Moran off their guards. But Bobby's springing powers had gone a-glimmering with the awful strain, and he was unable to shake off the dean of riders, and Moran also made up some advantage and the trio were only 150 feet ahead of the bunch when Johnny Bedell, Bobby Walthour's partner, made a beautiful pickup on the stretch turn.

Narrow Escape for Bedell.

There was a scurrying of half-dressed riders from their bunks. Mettling and MacDonald, with eyelids half closed, were put on the track in the scramble, and came near causing a bad spill. Instead of keeping the pole, Mettling veered up the bank, and Bedell, MacFarland and Moran passed between them through a space barely wide enough to admit their handlebars.

When the spurring powers had gone, Walthour and Breton made the last hour a bitter one for the tired legs behind them. When the final changes in the riders were made three minutes before the finish, it found a grateful squad of men, thankful for the long, uninterrupted sleep, nature's prize balm for the dreadful fatigue.

## TWO NEW FOOTBALL CAPTAINS



Bigelow, the Big Tackle, Who Will Lead Yale, and McCormick, the Powerful Princeton Fullback, Who Was Recently Chosen to Head the Tigers.

## SAGEBRUSH MATCHMAKERS OVERDOING THE THING

By W. W. NAUGHTON.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—The Nevada gold camps seem to have gone stark, staring mad on the subject of prize fights. They are bidding for all the matches in sight.

Rhyolite wants Burns and O'Brien for some date early in April. Topopah wants the same card for March 17, and is also planning for a Gane-Nelson or Herman-Nelson battle. Ely, with Tex Rickard at the bat, wants Jeffries and Johnson, the biggest and most important match of the railroad opening and enjoy the first-fingling.

When the thing first started it was thought that the object was to advertise the mines. It has got such a pitch that the fact of southern Nevada being literally scammed with rich ones is being forgotten. The place is coming to be known as the home of slugging.

Forgetting Minerals.

"We are aware of the fact," said a visitor from Goldfield the other day. "I was introduced to a gentleman here in town, and instead of saying something about the Mohawk or the Red Top he murmured, 'Oh, yes, that's where Gane and Nelson fought.'"

The situation has developed a brand new type of human—to wit, the gold camp light promoter. He is as picturesque a character. In his way, as were the old-time stage drivers and red-shirted gold seekers of whom Bret Hartie wrote.

First it was Tex Rickard, of Goldfield, the man who put all the big city promoters to the blush and built a ring for Gane and Nelson in the desert.

Rickard Set Fast Pace.

My how the lime-light sizzled, spluttered and glared around poor Rickard's devoted head! Of course, he had to tell the story of his life, among other things, and we learned how, when a youth he went to Chicago from Texas with a cattle crew and pawned his revolver so as to get crackers, tobacco, and box car transportation back home.

Now it is Mike Riley, of Topopah, with Skinner, of Rhyolite, looming up on the horizon and goodness knows how many more following in the wake. Well, let the good work proceed. If each of these sagebrush matchmakers proves to be as level headed and clean-cut as a sporting man, the Nevada and Queenberry game will not suffer through the corner that is being created in the Nevada gold belt.

The one important match that the Nevadians are sure of at this writing

## OFFICIAL BATTING IN THE AMERICAN

### Hickman Leads Washington With .284, and Stone Leads League With .358.

### FIGURES ON POSSIBILITIES

#### How Men Who May Join Canton's Squad Show Up With the Stick.

Charley Hickman, with .284, leads the Washington batters in the official averages of the American League, which were announced yesterday.

Stone, of St. Louis, leads the entire league with .358 for 154 games. Clarke, of Cleveland, also has .358, but he appeared in only fifty-five games. Ekin, of Philadelphia, is second on the list of regular players with .355 for 152 games. After these shining lights there is quite a drop to Hal Chase, of New York, who slammed out .255 in 151 games.

Georget, the New York utility infielder whom Clarke Griffith wants to send here, in some sort of deal for Case Patten, is credited with .351 for fifty-one games. Rossman has .298 and Huston made .183 in thirty-four games. These are the two men who were suggested as Washington possibilities in a trade of Stahl to Cleveland.

McIntyre Batted .260.

Matty McIntyre, the Detroit outfielder, who may yet come to Washington, made .260 in 153 games, three points less than Lave Cross. Schaefer, the Detroit second baseman, has .238, and O'Leary, the Detroit shortstop, made .219. They have also been discussed as material for Washington.

Jim Morgan, the old Georgetown player, upon whom waivers have been granted, made .215 in Boston in eight games. Jackson, the Cleveland outfielder, who year before last promised to become a second stone and who will also be out of the American League next season, fell to .214 in 1906.

Washington Figures.

Following Hickman, Wakefield was the most reliable Washington slugger, with .230. Then came Anderson, .211; Cross, .203; Altizer, .202; Schlafly, who may be among the missing when the rosters are again set; Kitzon, .204; Charley Jones, .201; Warner, the catcher obtained from Detroit, .227; Stahl, .222; Hughes, .212; Smith, .184; Kitzon, now manager of the Montreal club, in the Eastern League, .179; Falkenberg, .179; Stanley, .163; Hayden, .149; Patten, .117.

Here are the full figures:

Player	Games	Runs	Hits	RB.Avg.
Stone, St. Louis	154	208	315	.358
Clarke, Cleveland	154	208	315	.358
Lajoie, Cleveland	152	214	291	.355
Chase, New York	151	234	212	.355
Conlon, Cleveland	147	134	212	.355
Cobb, Detroit	147	114	212	.355
Pick, Cleveland	147	194	159	.311
Rossman, Cleveland	147	127	111	.298
Kittredge, New York	147	112	114	.298
Keeler, New York	147	152	103	.284
Murphy, Philadelphia	147	117	171	.284
Yeaeger, New York	147	117	171	.284
McGuire, New York	147	117	171	.284
Crawford, Detroit	145	166	8	.284
Smith, Chicago	145	166	8	.284
Davis, Philadelphia	145	166	8	.284
Turner, Cleveland	145	166	8	.284
Grimshaw, Boston	145	166	8	.284
Hempill, St. Louis	145	166	8	.284
Riath, Boston	145	166	8	.284
Hickman, Wash.	139	128	8	.284
Schreck, Philadelphia	96	3	3	.284
Rickey, St. Louis	64	5	4	.284
Wakefield, Wash.	77	2	2	.284
Isabel, Chicago	143	103	31	.279
Tannehill, Boston	31	22	1	.278
Williams, New York	129	139	21	.277
Kittredge, Cleveland	116	127	17	.277
Bradley, Cleveland	82	83	16	.275
Hay, Cleveland	68	77	15	.275
Collins, Boston	37	28	2	.274
Bemis, Cleveland	30	8	2	.274
Orin, New York	47	31	3	.274
Stovacek, Cleveland	116	127	17	.273
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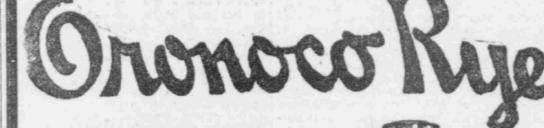
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