

12 Bike Teams Await Start

GARDEN BIKE GRIND BEGINS TOMORROW

Twelve Teams to Start Riding
at 9 P. M. and Continue Till
Saturday at 11

OLD FAVORITES ENTERED

European Contingent Is Strong
Despite War — Pedens to
Try for Repeat Victory

The bike race comes to Madison Square Garden this week, but it will not be conducted along the time-honored schedule of its sixty-five predecessors in this city. The week-long grind has always been termed the "six-day race," and the term was appropriate enough inasmuch as the event was conducted in six continuous periods of twenty-four hours each. This year, however, it will be a five-day race.

Previous bookings in the Garden necessitated the chopping off of one day from the Winter fixture, with the result that the race will start tomorrow night at 9 o'clock and continue until Saturday night at 11 o'clock.

Twelve teams will compete in the forthcoming event, with riders representing Italy, France, Canada, Belgium and the Netherlands, as well as the United States participating. Despite the hostilities prevailing in Europe, Manager Harry Mendel has succeeded in attracting some of the best riders on the Continent to the race.

Exempted by Army

Most notable of the Europeans is Alfred Letourner, the durable French star who has received special permission from his government to continue as a cyclist rather than enter the French Army.

Also in the European contingent is Arie Van Vliet of the Netherlands, who will be making his first appearance on a banked track in this country. Van Vliet is the recognized bicycle sprint champion of the world.

The team that will be the gallery favorite, at least at the start, is the Canadian brother combination of Torchy and Doug Peden. These natives of Victoria, B. C., have grown immensely popular with cycling fans in this city, a popularity that is justifiable in view of the fine efforts they have put forth here. It was the Pedens who won the last race held in the Garden.

Carrying the colors of the United States will be Jimmy Walthour, New York athlete, who was born in the shadow of the Garden, and Al Crossley, veteran pedaler from New Bedford, Mass.

Sprint Series Each Day

Through the week ten series of sprints will be conducted each day. In the afternoon they will be run at 2, 3 and 4 o'clock and at night they will be conducted every hour from 8 to 12 and in the early morning at 1 and 2 o'clock.

The list of teams:

Jimmy Walthour, New York, and Al Crossley, New Bedford, Mass.

Gerard Debaets, Belgium, and Arie Van Vliet, the Netherlands.

Angelo De Bacco, Newark, and Edoardo Severgnini, Italy.

Doug Peden and William (Torchy) Peden, Victoria, B. C.

Charley Yaccino, Chicago, and Fred Ottevaer, Detroit.

Jerry Rodman, Chicago, and Henry O'Brien, San Francisco.

Alfred Letourner, France, and Tino Reboli, Newark.

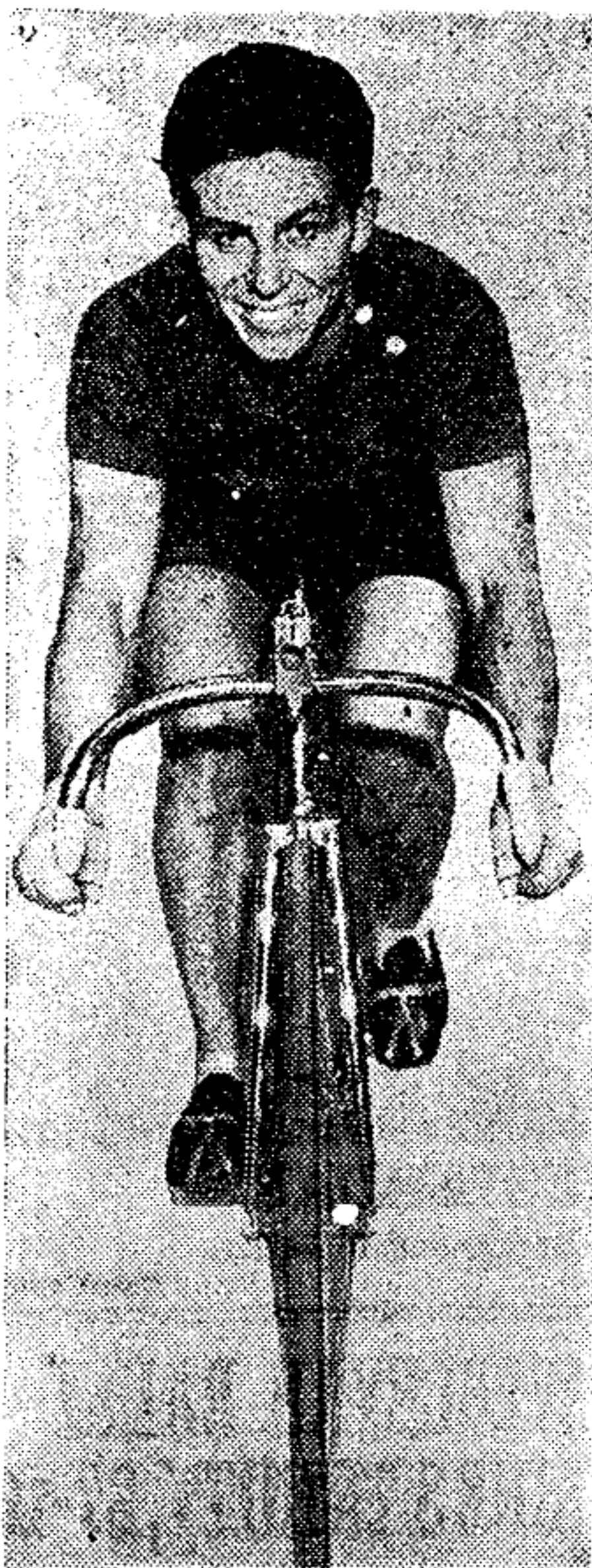
Charley Bergna, Paterson, and Archie Bollaert, Detroit.

George Shipman and Ewald Wissel, Brooklyn.

Jules Audy, Montreal, and Bobby Thomas, Kenosha, Wis.

Mickey Rodak, Chicago, and Harold Nauwens, Brooklyn.

Cecil Yates, Chicago, and Cesare Moretti, Italy.



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Cecil Yates