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NAMES MAKE THE NEWS.

Summers' last week saw British sport successes top the newscolumns. Old and new personalities made the headlines. It started in America where 47 year old racing driver John Cobb beat his own land speed record. In a 2,600 horse power Railton special (which cost nearly £25,000) Cobb reached 400 miles an hour. A London business man, John Cobb breaks records as a hobby.

The Railton is pushed until it reaches its minimum speed of twenty miles an hour - then it rears off on the fourteen mile course across Bonneville Salt Flats.

At top speed, John Cobb clocks off a mile in less than nine seconds. His new record: 394 miles an hour.

After his triumph, Cobb packed his bags and left for home just as a 29 year old Lancashire boxer was winning the European bantamweight title for Britain. Peter Kane, in black socks, battering Parisian Theo Medina to a standstill at Manchester, gave British boxing a welcome boost. A split eye cut in the fourth round - didn't worry Kane. With arms crossed and elbows protecting his face, he never wasted a punch. Both boxers were equally matched and at times the fight turned into a sluggish match. Yet it was a personal triumph for Kane. Formerly world fly-weight champion, the blacksmith from Lancashire made his comeback in fine style.