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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 out 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.

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It took Kane fifteen gruelling rounds to win the European title on points. Three years ago he was considered finished as a boxer. During his R.A.F. service he was blinded in one eye. Then, he lost a finger in an accident. His victory in a great fight is a tonic to British boxing. And at Wigan, at another international sports battle, Wales beat England by 10 points to 8 in the season's first Rugby League International. A 30,000 crowd watch a dark shirted Welsh thirteen prove themselves the quicker and better team. Oldham's Thomas, No. 12, opened the score for Wales with a try, <sup>Ward</sup> Edward/kicked the goal. England's forwards couldn't make much headway against the first time tackling Welsh. Forward, the Welshman were much ~~faster~~ faster on the ball and better together. Thomas's try increased their lead. A heavy rainstorm seemed to upset the Welsh team. In the second half, their lack of weight told. England came back with a good try scored by Wigan's Bill Ratcliffe. England's pack almost won the game taking the play into its own hands. Wigan's "White" scored a second try but Rylance missed the goal. In the final stages, the ground was turned into a mudbath. Holding out well Wales saved the day and brought off the sports surprise of the week. To watching fans it was a reversal of last years form.