

BRITAIN'S CYCLE CHAMPION.

Away from Bournemouth head 42 of the world's crack cyclists on the last lap of the Round Britain cycle race, organised by the Daily Express. 17 riders who started out on this marathon have fallen by the wayside during the journey that has taken them more than sixteen hundred miles up to Scotland and back again, but Gordon Thomas, the tiny Yorkshire veteran, is among the leaders as the contestants race towards London.

Crowds gather along the Wembley way to welcome them home. First across the line is Condelaers, one of the Belgian team. Second is Britisher Dave Bedwell, but somewhere in the main pack is Tiny Thomas, the man who takes the honours as the overall champion. Decked with the laurels of victory, Thomas, a thirty-two year old wool merchant, acknowledges the ovation from the crowds below.

Dave Bedwell, the Iron Man of Cycling as they call him, takes a bow for a gallant effort. But it's Tiny Thomas who wins the proud title "Britain's Cycling Champion"