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47 of the world's crack cyclists streak away from the starting-line at Varese, a few miles north-west of Milan, competing in a fifteen mile cross-country championship. Riders from France, Switzerland, Belgium, Luxemburg, Germany, Spain and Italy have entered so it promises to be a tough battle - and tough's the word all right. Pick 'em and carry 'em, is the order of the day over much of the course.

Andre Dufraisse, a Frenchman, is in the lead by quite a margin.

Dufraisse is still well out in front as the field comes up to the half-way mark.

Lothar Friedrich, from Saarbrucken, goes off in hot pursuit. But he's got a long way to go to catch Dufraisse.

Frenchman Pierre Jodet is well placed - now for a bone-shaker of an obstacle. Not much further to the finishing post - its been a hard, tiring contest. On the line, the winner is - yes, Dufraisse. In the fifth world championship race held at Varese, Andre Dufraisse (on the left) wins the crown.