

FRENCHMAN WINS CYCLING TITLE:

Europe's best professional cyclists got off the mark at Zandvoort, Holland, in the world's distance championship. Nearly every European country was represented. They raced round a six-mile course; 30 laps; total distance 180 miles. Close on 200,000 people lined the course. European interest in the event grows every year.

They seemed like a solid mass of riders. In the early stages they were never strung out. Lap after lap they went at nearly 25 miles an hour; a gruelling performance in that heat.

There was a close finish. The French ace, Darrigarde just held off the challenge of Gimondi, of Italy, winning in just over seven-and-a-half hours. Darrigarde rode a wonderful race. His average, a little over 24 miles an hour. Now he's world-champion.