

## CYCLING

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<sup>i</sup> This sounds racist to-day, but please bear in mind that the "national champion" then had another meaning: that the holder was his nation's prime representative.