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INTERNATIONAL RACE MEETINGS IN SKANDINAVIA.

AUGUST 14th.—In Malmö (Sweden, vis-a-vis Copenhagen).
 Four and a-half Lap Cement Track. Several International Events with big Prizes.
 AUGUST 19th.—In Copenhagen (Denmark).
 Three International Events (Half-mile and Five Miles Scratch,
 and a-half Lap Gravel Track. 2,000 Metres Handicap) Value of Prizes £47.



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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS: CYCLISTS' UNION, LONDON.

Office.—57, Basinghall Street,

LONDON 12th August 1892

Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure to inform you that at a Committee meeting held this evening your claim for the 90 to 413 miles also 5, to 24 hours. Safety Bicycle was duly passed, as records.

Yours very truly,

Percey A. Dix

Hon Sec
Records Committee

F. W. Shorland Esq^r

Racing.

THE CUCA CUP RACE.

It was undoubtedly a curious scene which was enacted at Herne Hill last Friday evening, when the 24-hours path race for a hundred guinea cup, presented by the Caca Cocoa Company, was started. At 7 o'clock there was a considerable number of spectators present, and the competitors and pace-makers were busy making their arrangements.

Facing the straight was a large blackboard with the names of the competitors printed in white and room left for the miles to be placed under it, reminding us of the busy days of the Agricultural Hall when Edward Payson Weston and Blower Brown finished.

At eight o'clock all was in readiness for the start, but, unfortunately, Bates's tyre proved somewhat troublesome, and five minutes' grace had to be given. At five minutes past eight Mr. G. P. Coleman gave the word, and the following men started:—E. L. Bates, Surrey B.C., geared ordinary; F. T. Bidlake, North Road C.C., bicycle; A. Brundrett, Keighley, safety; F. Edge, Surrey B.C., geared ordinary; A. Holbein, North Road, safety; J. M. Jones, Stanley C.C., safety; E. T. Moorhouse, Stanley C.C., tricycle; F. W. Shorland, North Road, geared ordinary; F. Walsh, Bath Road, safety. Paced by Jones, the string started off at a good pace, Bates riding first, the others in a string behind him, each man having a lamp in front and a small tin plate with his number on it, so that the light of his lamp fell upon the lap-scorers making it easier for the lap-scorers to see him every time he passed.

In the first hour 20½ miles were covered, and at 26 miles the first record fell, Bidlake taking it at that distance with a time of 17m. 4½s. When we left the grounds at seven o'clock it certainly was a curious sight. In each corner of the grounds was a gas lamp, which illuminated the track extremely well, the ten small lamps being round the track; the lighted bicycle; the black forms of pacemakers, crossing the circles of light on the track; and the lamps and white marks at mile distance, all going to make up a picture which was eerie and ghostlike in the extreme. Over a thousand spectators were present to see the start, many of whom remained all night.

Beyond Shorland running up from third place, the next hour's proceedings were uneventful, but raised the score to 40½ miles, 270 yards, twenty yards covering the mile. Then the fun began. Soon after 10 o'clock Shorland, amidst tremendous cheering, dashed away and quickly broke up the field, of whom Moorhouse "cried a go," having covered 45 miles. He, though quite covering himself with glory, and, on sufferance, it must be admitted, to secure a few tricycle records, had begun to be obtained as soon as 26 miles had been reached. Shorland kept up his rate of progression right through the third hour, in which 20 miles 640 yards were ridden. The field now presented a far more interesting appearance than was the case an hour earlier. Half the competitors who looked quite fresh and jaunty now presented a weary and woebegone appearance. It was quite obvious that Bates had shot

his bolt, and when he had covered 45 miles he turned it up for good. Holbein of whom such great things were expected here this began to give over.

PRIZES VALUE 20 GUINEAS. Those who are on the look out for prizes up to value should not fail to send in their entry form at once. Entries close SATURDAY, AUGUST 6TH 1892, to MESSRS. MOISER and BLACK, hon. secs., 14 Pinstone-st., Sheffield.