



W. A. SHOCKLEY COASTING ,467 FEET.

insurmountable by quite a number of the contestants. The competition attracted considerably over a thousand cyclists from New York City and vicinity, who lined up on both sides of the road and cheered the competitors as they glided down the long hill. The conditions of the contest differed materially from those which have heretofore governed such affairs. Instead of the men starting off in batches of half-a-dozen or more, as formerly, on this occasion they were pushed off singly at intervals of one minute, the committee in charge deeming this arrangement safer on account of the narrowness of the road and the traffic thereon. The match was run off in three heats and a final, there being twenty-three starters in the first, twelve of whom qualified for the second, six men trying in the third, and three leaving the starter's hands in the final round. The longest distance covered was 6,476 feet, which was accomplished in the second heat by H. A. Woodward, champion of the New York Athletic Club, and last year's winner, who was expected to win again,

but failed on account of a punctured tire in the final round. The winner was W. A. Shockley, of the Boston Athletic Association, who negotiated 6,467 feet 1 inch, in the final, beating the second man, William Firman, by 15 feet.

There was also a contest for tandems, but only two machines materialized, the winning machine, ridden by W. A. Whelpley and William Holt, accomplishing only 5,358 feet, about 1,000 feet behind the winning single wheel. In this connection it is of interest to note, that in last year's contest the winning tandem coasted on the same hill 6,334.4 feet, and winning single machine (Woodward's) only 6,237 feet. The summary follows:

First heat—Won by J. E. Whittlesey, of Brooklyn Bicycle Club, 6,449ft.; second, H. A. Woodward, N. Y. Athletic Club, 6,444ft.; third, William Firman, Chicopee Falls, Mass., 6,442ft.

Second heat—won by H. A. Woodward, 6,476ft.; second, W. A. Shockley, Boston A. A., 6,458ft.; third, J. A. Whittlesey, 6,455ft.

Third heat—Won by H. A. Woodward, 6,461ft. 7in.; second, W. A. Shockley, 6,443ft. 11in.; third, William Firman, Oxford Club, Chicopee Falls, Mass., 6,433ft. 5in.

Final heat—Won by W. A. Shockley, 6,467ft. 1in.; second, Wm. Firman, 6,442 feet; no third. H. A. Woodward, who started, punctured his tire a quarter mile from the start.

Tandems—Won by W. A. Whelpley and Wm. Holt, of Greenwich Wheelmen, N. Y., 5,388ft.; second, Edmund and A. Frankenstein, of New York, 5,270ft.

Dr. L. C. Harrison, of Riverside Wheelmen, was referee; M. L. Bridgman, of Kings County Wheelmen, held the watch at the starting point; Edward Gerbereus, Chairman of A. C. C. Race Committee, was starter; W. E. S. Edwards, Century Wheelmen, was scorer; Adolph Stahl, Greenwich Wheelmen, was clerk of the course, and G. R. Ball, of Quill Club Wheelmen, was official measurer.

The following tabulated statement shows the weight of the riders who qualified for the several heats, the weight of wheels, gear, etc.; also the distances covered:

Name of Competitor.	Weight of Rider.	Weight of Wheel.	Make of Wheel.	Gear.	First Heat.	Second Heat.	Third Heat.	Final Heat.
W. A. Shockley.....	171 lbs.	25 lbs.	Victor	77	6,441	6,458	6,443.1	6,467.1
William Firman.....	215 lbs.	25 lbs.	Victor	70	6,442	6,431	6,443	6,442
H. A. Woodward.....	204 lbs.	26 lbs.	Humber	78	6,444	6,476	6,461.7	....
J. E. Whittlesey.....	154 lbs.	24 lbs.	Victor	77	6,449	6,458	6,434	....
E. P. Bent.....	187 lbs.	24 lbs.	Victor	70	6,447	6,431.1	6,439.1	....
R. A. Green.....	172 lbs.	24 lbs.	Victor	77½	6,416	....	....	....
F. E. Halley.....	187 lbs.	24 lbs.	Stearns	70	5,400.4	5,458	....	....
Joseph Leach.....	....	....	Victor	80½	5,302	5,320.4	....	....
J. Colony.....	....	....	Victor	77	5,294.8	5,402.1	....	....
Thos. J. Bryan.....	148 lbs.	24 lbs.	Rutherford	73	5,257.9	5,260.7	....	....
J. L. Cunningham.....	168 lbs.	24 lbs.	Victor	70	5,259.6	5,301.9	....	....

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## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

W. C. P., Dowagiac.—The best place to get those canoes is St. John, New Brunswick. They can be got at Bar Harbor, but cost more extra there than the duty amounts to. A first-class one costs \$30 in St. John.

R. W. H., Hill City, Tenn.—Nobody keeps swimming records of 9-year-old girls. It is im-

possible to give any useful opinion on the performances, because you did not state how fast the current was. There are many rivers in which the current runs more than 2¾ miles in 55 minutes, and, consequently, a person remaining in the water for 55 minutes would cover 2¾ miles without swimming a stroke.