

# News From Abroad

Richard and the "Hour" for the great little French rider is the

record in September or October.

### Fresh Bordeaux-Paris Formula ?

Organisers of so many classic road events, "L'Auto" is considering altering the formula of its most famous single-stage race, the Bordeaux-Paris.

For the past three or four years, it will be remembered, the event of 365 miles has been motor-paced from start to finish.

In the long history of the race—first Bordeaux-Paris was run off in 1891 and won by an Englishman, G. P. Mills—the method of running it has been changed many times. In the old days the competitors used to be paced by other cyclists, and later by tandems. Then it was run off without pace of any description (though not as a time trial), and then, again, with certain parts of the course run off behind small motor-cycles.

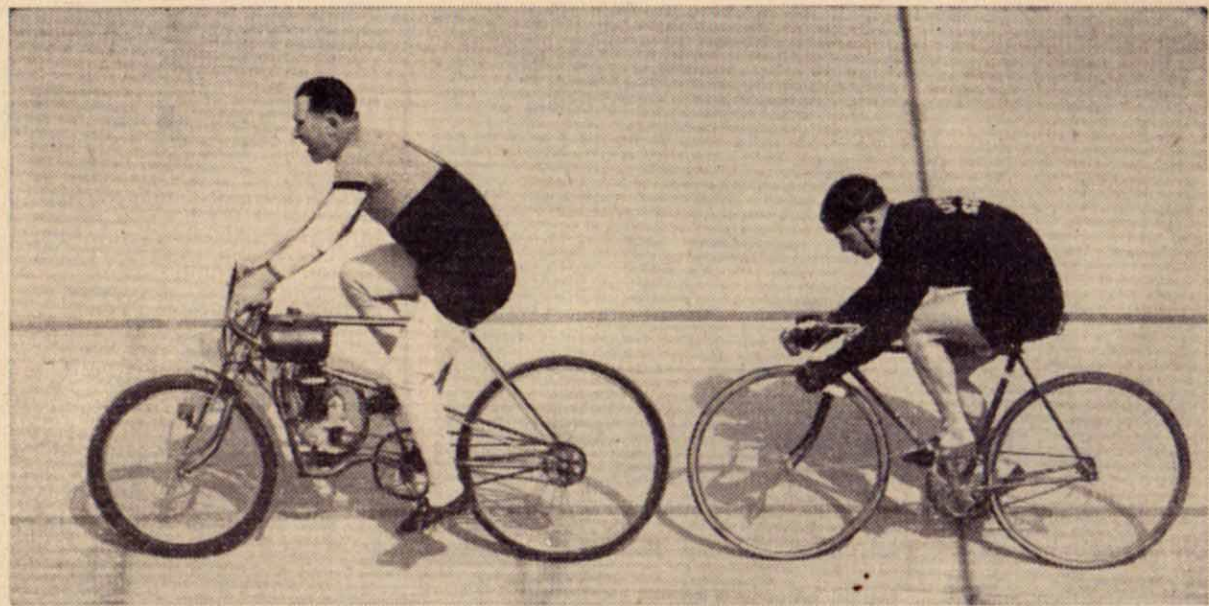
The present system, with motor-pace from start to finish, has not proved too successful, chiefly on account of the fact that the expense of employing several spare pace-makers and motor-cycles, as well as following cars and vans for each rider, has kept the number of competitors down to twelve, of whom only four finished this year.

Trials are being held this week with the Deryn "cyclo-moteurs" to test their suitability for pacing the Derby of the Road. These "cyclo-moteurs" were introduced early in 1936, and proved very satisfactory in pacing track events.

The advantages claimed are that the shelter provided is no more than that given by a tandem, but whereas hundreds of tandems would be required to pace Bordeaux-Paris competitors, only one "cyclo-moteur" per rider (providing no breakdowns were experienced) would be required. Illustration on this page shows a "cyclo-moteur" in action on the track.

### Virol—New "Stayer"

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A rider at speed behind a Deryn "cyclo-moteur," which gives the same shelter as in a tandem-paced race, but with a much more regular speed. It is proposed to use these as pace-makers in next year's Bordeaux-Paris event

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