

1941 LETOURNER

ALFRED LETOURNER, ONE OF THE TOP SIX-DAY RACERS OF THE ERA, TRAVELED TO BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA, AND ON MAY 17, 1941, RODE IN THE DRAFT OF A SPECIALLY EQUIPPED MIDGET RACER TO ACHIEVE THE AMAZING SPEED OF 108.92 MPH. THE FEAT WAS SPONSORED BY SCHWINN, AND LETOURNER RODE A PARAMOUNT WITH A GEAR RATIO OF 9-1/2 TO 1. IT WAS A CREDIT TO EMIL WASTYN, WHO BUILT THE BICYCLE, THAT LETOURNER WOULD EVEN ATTEMPT SUCH A FEAT ON A MACHINE THAT WEIGHED A SCANT 20 POUNDS. BUT WASTYN WAS ONE OF THE MOST TRUSTED NAMES IN BICYCLES, AS WAS SCHWINN, AND LETOURNER WAS THE DAREDEVIL WHO MADE CYCLING HISTORY.



EMIL WASTYN FRAME



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