FERRIS AND JAMES

The Truth about their professional plans with Sturmey-Archer Gears Ltd.

FOLLOWING many rumours and counter-rumours—not published in Cycling—we are now able to state authoritatively that S. H. Ferris, Vegetarian long-distance road rider and three times winner of the North Road "24," last Wednesday signed a three-year professional contract with Sturmey-Archer Gears, Ltd.

Perris's immediate objectives are the Edinburgh-London and 24-hour R.R.A. records, whilst he plans to attack Opperman's Land's End to John o'

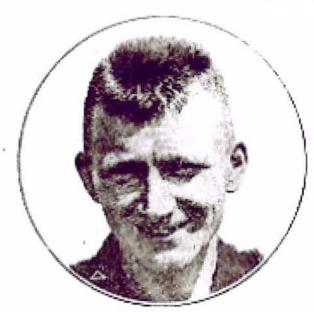
Groats figures next year.



S. H. Ferris.

For the shorter distance record programme which the Sturmey-Archer concern have planned to demonstrate their famous hub gear, there is a distinct probability that H. James, another notable Vegetarian rider, will be engaged. It was James's great ambition that he should wind up his amateur career by winning the Best All-rounder Competition, but he was deposed from the leading position by C. Holland in the deciding race of the season on Sunday last.

S. H. Ferris has selected a Raleigh bicycle for his record activities. He has already accepted delivery of his new Raleigh Record Ace models. They have 21-in, frames and are finished in flamboyant green with chromium-plated forks. The specification includes Brooks B17 Flyer saddle; 15-in, by 4-in, Marsh bars; and 26-in, by 1\frac{1}{2}-in, Conloy rims



H. James.

fitted with Dunlop No. 3 cotton tubillars. But the most interesting feature of the machines that Ferris ride is the new Sturmey-Archer hub gear with which each is equipped. This new racing gear is described in greater on this page. feature is that the increase and decrease from normal is equivalent to only one tooth difference in sprocket sizes, Furthermore, the train of pinions within the hub is so slow moving that the gear is almost frictionless in action. Ferris has selected a normal of 79.7 ins... so that his new hub variable provides a high of 85.5 and a low of 74.3.

When James's plans are finally decided upon the details will appear in Cycling.

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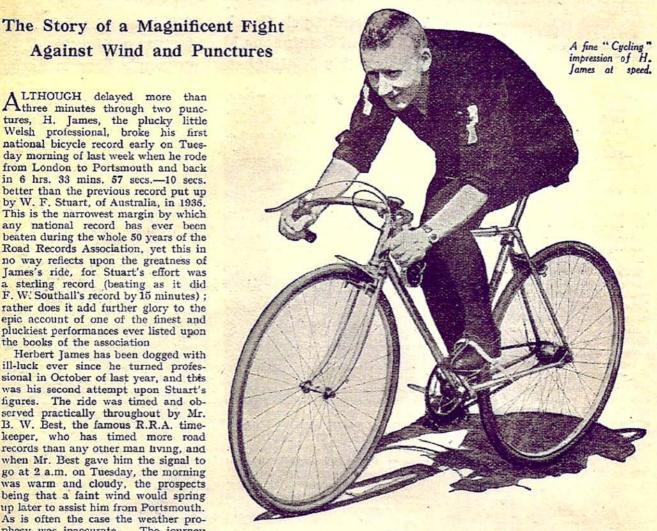
H. JAMES LOWERS PORTSMOUTH AND BACK BY 10 SECONDS!

ALTHOUGH delayed more than three minutes through two punctures, H. James, the plucky little Welsh professional, broke his first national bicycle record early on Tuesday morning of last week when he rode from London to Portsmouth and back in 6 hrs. 33 mins. 57 secs.—10 secs. better than the previous record put up by W. F. Stuart, of Australia, in 1935. This is the narrowest margin by which any national record has ever been beaten during the whole 50 years of the Road Records Association, yet this in no way reflects upon the greatness of James's ride, for Stuart's effort was a sterling record (beating as it did F. W. Southall's record by 15 minutes); rather does it add further glory to the epic account of one of the finest and pluckiest performances ever listed upon the books of the association

Herbert James has been dogged with ill-luck ever since he turned professional in October of last year, and this was his second attempt upon Stuart's figures. The ride was timed and observed practically throughout by Mr. B. W. Best, the famous R.R.A. timekeeper, who has timed more road records than any other man living, and when Mr. Best gave him the signal to go at 2 a.m. on Tuesday, the morning was warm and cloudy, the prospects being that a faint wind would spring up later to assist him from Portsmouth. As is often the case the weather prophecy was inaccurate. The journey from the start at the 14th milestone, to Hyde Park Corner (where he turned after 33½ mins.—half a minute slower than schedule) was almost in a dead calm, but soon after he had repassed the starting point, heading towards the sea, a strong cross breeze sprang up, sending the clouds scudding across the sky, and causing James's advisers some apprehension.

James, however, using his gears of 74-79-84, continued to ride strongly and, after covering 22 miles in the first hour, reached Guildford (381 miles) four minutes outside a schedule planned to beat record by five minutes. Two heavy showers of rain had not perturbed him, and although it was still raining as he sped down Guildford's steep and famous, but now deserted, High Street, the big yellow moon was peeping bravely through the heavy clouds.

Dawn came as James began the ascent of Hindhead. Up he climbed at steady 15 miles an hour, the wind, nearly due south, blowing stronger. Half a mile before the top



of this famous beauty spot James had covered his first 50 miles in 2 hrs. 24 mins. (first 25 miles in 1 hr. 9 mins.), but he had little time to admire the fine view of Surrey scenery spread below, nor the beauty of the shining moon hanging in a pale bluish sky of early morning, and down the other side he pedalled at a brisk speed until a puncture in the back tyre caused his first dismount.

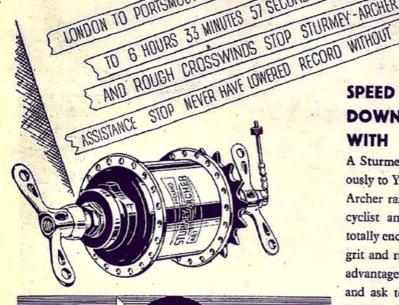
Quickly another machine was unstrapped from the following car and, delayed a minute and a half, James rode hurriedly on his way again. Seven minutes later he punctured again—in the back tyre. This time no machine was ready immediately, the official car having been slightly delayed, and impatiently James had to wait more than two minutes before the car screeched up with another bicycle. Yet, notwithstanding these delays, James reached Petersfield only three minutes outside schedule, having covered a total of nearly 63 miles in the three hours.

There was still no signs of the wind

veering round to south-west as required for the return journey from Portsmouth when James negotiated the early traffic, via a longer route than usual owing to market day regulations, to the Post Office in the famous seaport; but the plucky Vegetarian kept plugging away hopefully.

He turned at Portsmouth two and a half minutes behind schedule, having covered the 801 miles in 3 hrs. 521 mins., with the wind on his side and the strong sun dazzling in his eyes, yet he rode determined to get the record, and by the time he had reached Petersfield, having climbed Butser at a steady 13 miles an hour, he had reduced his arrears on schedule to within a minute and a half. He had covered 100 miles in 4 hrs. 48 mins. Then his bad time set in. The next 13 miles up to the top of Hindhead were miles of suffering, and when he reached the summit he had fallen three and a half minutes behind, and the prospects of the record were beginning to fade. But the Welshman was not done yet. He had





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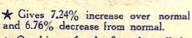
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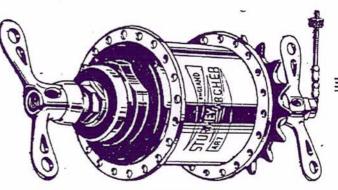
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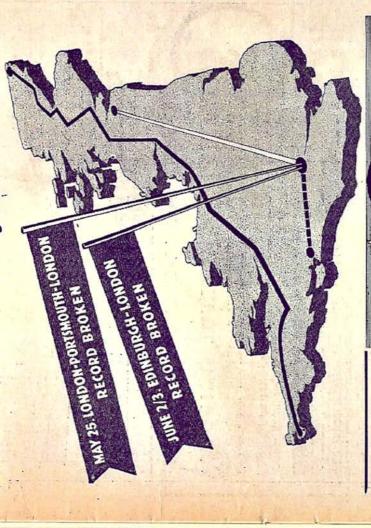
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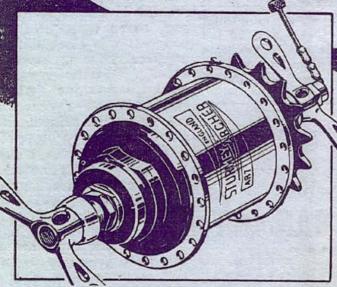
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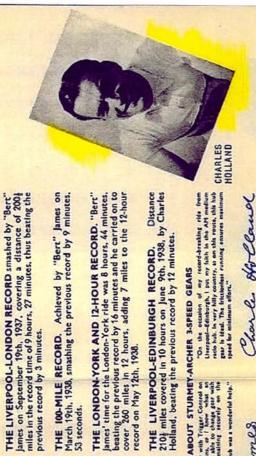
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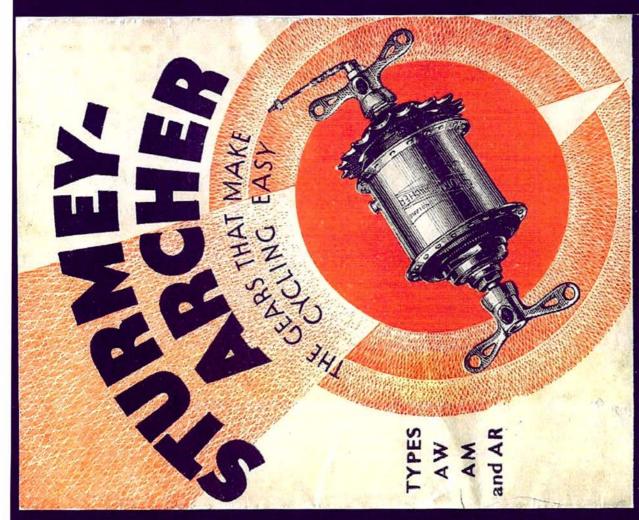
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