

THEY'LL NEVER DIE *By Elton Fax*



THE NAME OF MARSHALL W. ("MAJOR") TAYLOR WILL ALWAYS BE LINKED WITH THE THRILLING SPORT OF BICYCLE RACING. THIS AMAZING-LITTLE ATHLETE WAS BORN IN INDIANAPOLIS, IND. 1878. AT 13, WHILE EMPLOYED AS AN EXHIBITION RIDER BY A LOCAL BICYCLE SHOP OWNER, HE WAS RUSHED INTO A 10 MILE ROAD RACE AGAINST A GROUP OF GROWN MEN GIVEN A 15' MINUTE HANDICAP. YOUNG TAYLOR WON HIS FIRST RACE!

AT 18 HE MADE HIS PROFESSIONAL DEBUT AT NEW YORK'S MADISON SQUARE GARDEN. 2 YEARS LATER HE WON THE AMERICAN SPRINT TITLE, AND AT 21 HE ALSO HAD THE MIDDLE DISTANCE TITLE. TAYLOR WENT TO EUROPE AND AUSTRALIA - SMASHING RECORDS AND WINNING MORE TITLES!

THE "MIGHTY MAJOR" RACED FOR 19 YEARS - RETIRING IN 1910.

MAJOR TAYLOR

THANKS
TO
TED CARROLL



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