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TEAM HAS GOOD LINEUP INTACT— LEAGUE DOPE.

September 12.—The
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AITKEN TO DEFEND ANDERSON'S LAURELS AT SHEEPSHEAD BAY

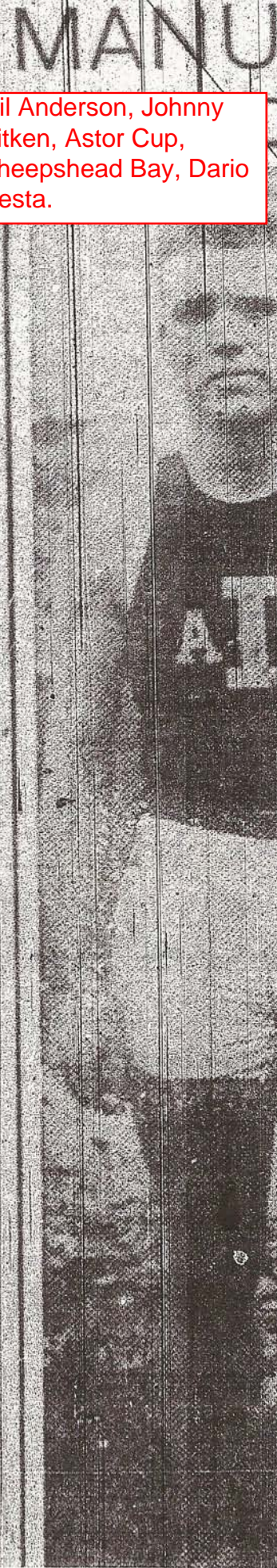
NEW YORK, September 12.—The
distance of the 1916 Astor cup race
at Sheepshead, September 20, has
been cut to 250 miles and the prize
money reduced to \$25,000, last year's
event being 350 miles in length for a
purse totaling \$50,000. Although the
entry blanks were not sent out until
last week, nineteen cars already have
been nominated, and the promoters
expect to have a larger field than
faced the starter in the 300-mile
derbies at Indianapolis, Chicago and
Cincinnati this year.

The Astor cup race promises to be
the fastest event of the season, as
Sheepshead bay is conceded to be the
speediest course in the country.
This was proved last fall when Gil
Anderson took the millionaire's
trophy at an average of 102 miles an
hour and Dario Resta hit a 105-mile-
an-hour pace in winning a century
race.

Anderson, who clinched his claims
to the 1915 speedway championship
by winning the Astor cup, will be un-
able to defend the trophy this month,
being confined to the hospital with
fractures and bruises that he sus-
tained in the Cincinnati inaugural
sweepstakes on Labor day.

In such a predicament he has com-
missioned Johnny Aitken, who took
first honors at Cincinnati and swept
the card at Indianapolis on Saturday,
to keep the Astor cup in the Hoosier
metropolis for another year at least.

Gil Anderson, Johnny
Aitken, Astor Cup,
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