

Olympic cyclist likes Denmark

Gosford Olympic Cyclist, Peter Pryor, now in Denmark, might break into European professional cycling next year.

Pryor said this in a letter to his uncle, Mr. H. Pryor, of Mann Street, Gosford, recently.

Pryor has had a number of recent successes in big amateur tournaments in Europe and England.

He told his uncle that if he continued to do well during the winter season he would be ready to turn professional next June.

Pryor likes Denmark.

"Everyone here is your friend," he says.

"I've had two offers to live with families for nothing. Now I have a very good room for 70 kroner a month. I also have a special rate of 125 kroner a month at the restaurant because I'm a visitor.

WORLD'S BEST FOOD

"A kroner is equal to about 1/- sterling."

Pryor said that the food in Denmark was the "best in the world."

About his immediate plans he says: "I had intended to spend the summer racing in Belgium, but I'm not so sure now. I have to look to

the future, and if I'm to be a six-day rider then I have to learn more about the track—especially the small tracks."

In a letter to his parents, written from Antwerp, Belgium, Pryor said he would never forget his first race there.

He describes the conditions as terrible and the roads as the worst in Europe.

He said that it was no wonder that the Belgians are such tough road riders.

Pryor apparently quickly settled down because shortly afterwards he won an important amateur sprint.

In another race Pryor said that he did a "silly thing".

Describing his experience, he said:

"Two of us were away in the first lap and didn't turn a corner we should have.

"We turned around and gave chase but it's impossible to regain a Bel-

gave chase but it's impossible to regain a Belgian field, so I just watched the rest of the race.

"On Saturday I won a big cup and sash and of course, flowers.

"Cycling is a profession here. Sometimes there are up to 20 races on the one day.

Pryor won two races at the Danish sprint championships. In one of them he beat the Danish sprint champion.

At Hanover, Pryor won a road race.

MANY PRIZES

He stayed at the famous "House of Sports"—a big new building, with offices for all sports and rooms, equal to a first class hotel, for visiting sportsmen.

"The race was around a small circuit.

"I was away for 20 odd laps," he said, "and wasn't game to slow up, they cheered so much."

For winning the race he received a roadster bike, which he swapped for a racing frame, which he swapped for a small portable radio, also a bronze horse statue, a suitcase, a bottle of champagne, a big iced cake, a tin of fancy biscuits, a large tin of chocolate, some coffee and tea and a huge wreath and sash.

"We drove a lap of honour in a car," he said, "and after that I almost had to fight the kids off."

"In Denmark they want your autograph before the race as well as after."

Pryor likes his new "home" track at Aarhus, Denmark.

He said the Danes believe in looking after both spectators and riders.

Spectators have a tote, bar and restaurant. Photo finish apparatus has been installed.