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The magical **Sforzesco Castle of Vigevano** was a splendid backdrop for the re-enactment of **a great page of cycling history**. The epic brought the Piazza d'Armi back to the splendors of pioneering cycling, as on the internal perimeter dirt track, the only one in the world run counterclockwise, **a couple of authentic and heartfelt matches were recreated**.

To be precise, **two historic rivalries from the Belle Époque cycling era came to life**. The "flying negro" **Major Taylor** challenged and defeated **French champion Edmond Jacquelin** in a unique two-lap speed trial, while **Romolo Buni**, the "black devil" of Milanese velocipedism, after 140 years, **finally got the better of the gallop of the self-proclaimed Buffalo Bill** (actually an American cowboy posing as Bill Cody). The two matches, **impeccably organized by the Vigevano Veloce Club 1892** under the technical aegis of the **Nova Italian Velocipedistic Union**, took place Saturday morning with an impressive crowd that could also appreciate some very interesting **international side races**.

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