Marshall "Major" Taylor

Read each sentence.
Use context clues to help you circle the meaning of the boldfaced word.

1. Taylor was given the nickname Major because he wore a soldier's **uniform.**
   E. clothing F. badge G. armor

2. Major was thought to be one of the fastest **cyclists** in the world.
   G. runners H. bike riders I. drivers

3. He **forfeited** many races because of being fouled by other cyclists.
   B. won C. lost D. did not ride in

4. He refused to be upset by the **mind-set** of people who did not approve of his being in the contests.
   R. brains S. sight T. beliefs

5. He had to overcome many **barriers.**
   M. rivers N. sounds O. troubles

6. In 1899 this **capable** athlete set seven world records!
   E. talented F. lazy G. lucky

7. That same year he **conquered** the World Sprint Championship.
   W. lost X. tied Y. won

8. Major once rode in a **grueling** six-day race in New York.
   K. easy L. tough M. windy

9. After riding 1,732 miles over 142 hours, he must have been **fatigued.**
   B. scared C. tired D. smart

10. Some people have said Taylor's success is **comparable** to that of Lance Armstrong's.
    N. similar to O. better than P. different from



What did the newspapers call Marshall Taylor?
To answer the question, match the letter of each circled answer above to a numbered line below.

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