

SWEDE BEATS WOODERSON IN THRILL MILE

Teams of the Army, RAF, American forces and the Amateur Athletic Association paraded at the *White City* ~~Bank Holiday~~ meeting at the White City. In the two-mile race the star attraction was the famous Swedish runner Gudar Haegg. For a couple of laps he was led by Douglas Wilson of the A.A.A., but that was all part of his tactics, while he was warming up to his work. The ~~big~~ Swede then went to the front, and after that the chief interest lay in whether he would set a new world record. He didn't manage to do that but he did establish a British record, beating Emery's time, set in 1939, by 2.8 seconds.

Now for the one mile. The question this time was whether British Champion Sydney Wooderson would hold off the challenge of the other Swedish invader, Arne Andersson. Just before the last lap Wooderson roused the spectators by sprinting ahead and fifty-thousand people began to count on a British victory.

General opinion was that Wooderson made his effort too soon. Providing the biggest thrill of the meeting, Andersson overhauled the Englishman, stayed in front, and won a tremendous race by a bare three yards.

Better luck ⁴ to Wooderson next time.