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The British Games at the White City bring a ^{big} ~~great~~ overseas challenge to Britain's recent record-breakers. ~~At~~ In the 120 Yards Hurdles - America's Willard Thomson ~~wins~~ ^(ON THE FAR SIDE) a great tussle with Peter Hildreth ^{No 27} by a yard... The winner's time ~~is~~ 14.4 seconds.

Field-Marshal Viscount Alexander chats with famous Milers of yesteryear - Joe Binks of Britain ³ and Gunder Hagg, the Swedish World record-holder - International before the ~~International~~ Mile event - the highlight of the meeting.

Six runners face the starter, and Lawrenz of Germany (No. 84) sets the pace for the first two laps, followed by Chris Chataway, Bill Nenkeville and - Gordon Pirie - Britain's Three and Six Mile champion.

The third lap, ^{WATCH} and Pirie dash into the lead from Lawrenz. ~~But Wes Santee~~ ~~American~~ ~~champion~~ ~~Wes Santee~~

^{But} America's ~~champion~~ ^{formidable champion Wes Santee -} is trailing him close as he comes up into second place.

No change until the final lap - then - Santee takes the lead - a good three yards up on Pirie. It's a two-man race now - as the crowd wonders if Pirie, the long-distance man, can match the speed of an ace miler.

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^{SEE HOW} And here's the answer, Pirie puts in a ^{thrilling} tremendous finishing burst - ^{Pirie} wins by two yards in four minutes six-point-eight seconds....

The American champion congratulates the amazing Pirie - who does a lap of honour, and receives the greatest ovation of his career.

Praise, too, from Gunder Hagg, to the man who may yet beat his world ~~record~~ ^{record..}

So Pirie becomes the first holder of the Emsley Carr Trophy - a volume dedicated to the story of Mile Running. Can he now write the final chapter - the four minute Mile?