Whitsun - Sporting Holiday

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Britain went on holiday - searching for the sun in Whitsun, but finally sheltered at any old "sport in the storm," and had a dripping time. That was the 20-Mile Junior Massed Start Championship, at the Crystal Palace... Over 150 pedallers spent this holiday

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The winner was 16 year-old Colin Davis of Birmingham. From the track to the open road - for the start at Great Yarmouth of the Daily Express "Tour of Britain" Cycle Race. The Mayor started the fifty riders on the great marathon event - over 1460 miles - through 33 counties Refreshments were taken on route - during this first stage of 128 miles from Great Yarmouth to Lincoln.

An early spill put Arthur Broncksert of Belgium, out of the race At the end of the opening day, Germain Mercier of France led the caralcade into Lincoln - to become the first man to wear the Race Leader's coveted yellow jersey

out sporting week-end also took in Goodwood - where, from a standing start - racing drivers got away (in real Le Mans style) for the Sports Car Chellenge Trophy Race

Hun over fifty miles, them this new event brought addition top sports OPPOSITION. cars and drivers into emposition. Carefor No. 4 A.C.B. Chapman, passing R. Jacobs - who's driving an M.G.

Last but one to get away - Hoy Salvadori in a meserati (No. 33), passes a rival - as he makes up ground - to finish fourth. Todday, these events have become a vital part of **Britaints** British motorracing - with a rise in emport figures, the reward for victory over continental

Start - and there it stayed - to win easily - at an average speed of 82.52 miles per hour

Heavy rain dimmed the performances of some of Britain's shining lights NEWS OF 7 45 WORL D'S in the British Games at the White City. Eleven starters for the RunNERJ International Mile included from Belgium, France, Australia and the U.S.A. Milligan took the lead; but Chris Brasher overtook him in the straight to win in 4 minutes 9 seconds... Fitting reward for Brasher who helped Bannister to achieve that "mile of the Century" Page Two

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In the SSO - the International Challange became even stronger. In the straight, Roger Bannister (the world's fastest <u>miler</u>) struggled in vain, to hold off the determined challenge of Stanislav Jungwirth, the Czech, who won by three yards.

Back to county competition for the Three Miles - with Gordon Pirie among the huge field. Starting with an incredibly-fast first lap - Gordon was soon lapping the field.

track slowed down Piris . **HE** won by fifty yards, but his time was eleven seconds slower than his own British record - set up last year. On the second day came the highlight of the Meeting - The International Two Mile Event. Here, Roger Bannister acted as pace-maker for Chris Chataway in an attempt on the World Record. Chris Brasher, To helped in the attempt. Too soon - the pacemakers petered out - and Chataway and his own running - with Jungwirth, the Czech, in forlorn pursuit. Running alone - Chataway raced away from the Field - to finish in eight

minutes forty-one seconds, only three-fifths of a second outside the

world record. A shining ray in a Whit-surless-week-end.