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White City: Women's Athletics 5th July 1955

London: A field day for women athletes at the White City - competing in their National Championships.

In the 80 Metres Hurdles Final, a new North Country star, Margaret Francis - No. 16 - forged ahead in a great race - to win by two yards, in eleven-point three seconds...

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Margaret Francis - a British hope for the 1956 Olympics.

A field of nine contested the 880 yards Championship Final - with Diane Leather, No. 2 (the holder) lying fifth in the early stages.

But as the Birmingham girl sprints into the lead - the crowd are hoping for a new world record.

Over thirty yards ahead of her rivals, and lacking serious opposition, Diane wins in two minutes nine-point-seven seconds - just over a second outside the world record; but the fastest time recorded this year.

The 100 Yards Sprint and here's Margaret Francis again - ~~fighting a~~ in a thrilling duel with Heather Armitage of Yorkshire (No..17)

Margaret wins in 10.8 seconds - a time that equalled her recent British record - ~~now awaiting ratification~~ which still awaits confirmation.