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Moscow: A record crowd packed the Dynamo Stadium - to welcome the first British Athletic team ever to visit the Soviet Union.

The match confirmed the great strides made by Russian athletes, in recent years - but they couldn't match those of Jack Parker in the 110 metres hurdles.

The British star won in 14.4 seconds - with his sporting rival, Boris Stolyarov - taking second place.

This poetry of motion is, of course, Thelma Hopkins, the Belfast girl.... [redacted]. She won the high jump - and then narrowly missed the world record. Well Done, Thelma...

In the Three Thousand Metres Steeplechase, the Russian number one, Vasili Vlasenko recently claimed a world record time...

Our hopes were pinned on John Disley of Wales - and here he is - making his effort - ably supported by Chris Brasher.

The Welsh boy came home in terrific style to ~~record the new~~ ~~record time of~~ BEAT THE EXISTING WORLD RECORD WITH 8 minutes 44.2 seconds.

In the Five Thousand Metres - Britain was represented by Chris Chataway and the Northern star, George Ibbotson.

Right from the gun, the Russian pair, Chernyavski and Pudov went into the lead - and stayed there until the final lap....when Chataway moved up into second place.

With his team-mates watching anxiously, Chris delays his final burst.... Then....there he goes - unleashing that terrific sprint and Chernyavski has no reply. Another great triumph for Chris Chataway...

The points-total favoured Russia but the outcome was a triumph for East-West friendship...