

At Guaracara Park, Trinidad, a colourful parade launched the Southern Games, ~~with~~ ^{were} athletes from various parts of the West Indies, ready to face the first challenge of a strong British contingent.

In a tour planned to encourage West Indian athletics, the British team was led by Ken Wilmshurst - who won the hop, step and jump.

Here's Willie Gittens of the Windward Islands winning the high jump. (3)

In the Pole Vault, Geoff Elliott set up a new Trinidad record with 12 ft. $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.

Old friendships were renewed with MacDonald Bailey (for many years our champion sprinter). /s

The tug-o'-war brings light relief from two teams of heavyweights.

The hero of the team was Brian Hewson, who had a badly-cut heel specially taped-up, to enable him to compete in the 800 metres.

~~Through~~ Running against competitors from Trinidad, British Guiana, Jamaica and the Windward Islands - Hewson soon took the lead.

And though excited Jamaicans were urging on their champion, M. Spence - he ~~could not~~ ^{couldn't} match Hewson's finishing burst - which carried him to victory in 1 minute 51.4 seconds. /s

Brian looks happy, and no wonder, for, despite his handicap, he had ~~won~~ clipped three seconds off the Trinidad All-Comers Record. An auspicious start to Olympic year... /