

Despite the pessimistic forecast, Britain's holiday crowds found the sun in Whitsun, and cooling breezes, too, at the Willesden Regatta - the three-day festival on the Welsh Harp.

Here, (a few miles from Central London), the "Firefly" class yachts looked calm and graceful. ^{WHILE} Others looked hot and bothered!!..

And these - well - they're just wet and wise!

The Regatta caters for all tastes - from those preferring the quiet symphony of sail - to the ear-splitting cacophony of hydro-plane racing.

Up North now - to welcome back a famous speed ace, Geoff Duke - competing in the "Aintree International" Meeting - his first racing appearance in Britain since his suspension last year.

Most of the top riders competed in the Senior 500 c.c. Race: but World Champion Geoff Duke ^(No 25) was soon back where he'd left off - leading the field. And he won at an average speed of 81.34 miles per hour.

The leading riders in this event qualified for the ninety-mile handicap race. But Geoff won that one, too - and received the two trophies from Aintree chief, Mrs Topham.

Racing thrills at Goodwood, too, when Mike Hawthorne fought a lap-by-lap duel with Colin Chapman, in the opening sports car race.

In this scratch race, (run over twenty-six laps) - the ace drivers were soon speeding round the testing circuit of just under two-and-a-half miles.

And here come the two rivals - Hawthorne, No. 24 and Chapman, No. 28.

Both drivers shared a new lap record and also collided at one of the bends. In the mishap - Chapman's car came off best - so he took the race honours.

~~Both cars had taken hard knocks: but that was all in the excitement of the race.~~

At the White City, the British Games brought the first international test for our athletes in Olympic Year. And here's a victory for Ken Box of Lancashire - in the 100 Metres. His time-11.4 seconds.

A world record-holder, Roger Moens of Belgium and the European champion, Szentgali of Hungary competed in the 800 metres.

And here's Britain's hope, Brian Hewson, going flat out for the tape... But he can't shake off the powerful Moens..