

WOODERSON BREAKS THREE-MILE RECORD

White City and Sydney Wooderson provide fans with the biggest thrill for years in the Amateur Athletic Association three mile championship. Eighteen starters, with British hopes centred on No. 17.

Wooderson drops back - threatened chiefly by No. 15. It's Slykhuis, the flying Dutchman. All eyes are on the speeding leaders. Now Wooderson has gone to the front. It looks like a two man contest between the Englishman and the athlete from Holland.

Wooderson lengthens his stride - but Slykhuis flashes to the lead again. The rest of the runners just don't matter - every eye is fixed on black-clad Wooderson. This is where perfect timing comes in - Wooderson reserves his strength for the final, breath-taking spurt. And here it comes. The gap vanishes - and the Englishman is in front. Slykhuis drops back. The tape is only a few yards in front - and a new 3 mile record in 13 minutes 52 seconds is set up. The shy little solicitor remains Wooderson the Great.