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Tommy Farr puts in the finishing touches for his fight with Piet Wilds, heavyweight champion of Belgium. Tommy's been niggled at because of his opponents, but he's working to a long term plan. Joe Louis tried a short cut and it didn't work. Tommy will go after the big ones when he's ready. BRUSSELS Meantime Piet Wilds, who has everything to gain by beating Tommy, is taking no chances. If he wins, the future will be bright.

LONDON And now to another sport, push-bike speedway, with boys from Holland grinding the grids round the Empress Hall against England's cracks, in a 16-event match of four laps each. There's not much time to whack up a good speed because the corners come so often, but cornering on this flat track calls for clever work. In a close match Holland snatch victory by 49 points to 47.

And now behind the scenes the boys get ready for the "News Chronicle" National Team Championship. Crash helmets will be handy as the Gen Pirates tackle the Chorlton Aces. And they're off! In both senses they're off. But they're used to tumbles. Cycle speedway started on bombed sites - a rough and ready school where boys learned to take spills as a matter of course. They're all amateurs who race for the fun of it, and anybody doing anything for fun these days deserves plenty of encouragement. And here with the Cup is the Pirate King.