

WILWYN WINS

Parading at Laurel Park, Maryland, before the start of America's biggest International race is RUHE, a home-bred horse, followed by the German NEIDERLANDER. A British horse with a big chance today is WILWYN, a four-year-old who was specially flown over for the race with another Britisher, ZUCCHERO.

The field of seven moves up to the start of the mile-and-a-half race -- and there they go! Almost at once ZUCCHERO, with England's Charlie Smirke in the saddle, goes into the lead, but INDIAN HEMP, ridden by American champion Johnny Longden, moves up to pass. NEIDERLANDER's there and GREEK SHIP is well placed.

Passing the stands for the first time, INDIAN HEMP is challenged for the lead by GREEK SHIP, the favourite, who comes up alongside. NEIDERLANDER's just behind, but Manny Mercer's keeping WILWYN in the middle of the bunch - his challenge is still to come.

The record crowd presses forward as the horses come round for the second time. They're setting a good pace, and both the British runners are well up in front. ZUCCHERO is second but RUHE makes his run and passes him. But the American can't catch WILWYN who lives up to his name by crossing the line a length-and-a-quarter in front to win in record time.

WILWYN wins nearly \$12,000 in dollars for his owner, Mr. Robert Beucher, and proves that Britain can still breed 'em in the world of racing.