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THE BRITISH GAMES AT THE WHITE CITY.

At the White City in London, Sidney Wooderson, Joe Binks, Gudar Haegg and Paavo Nurmi - four of the world's greatest milers - tour the track to give this year's meeting of the British Games a fitting send-off. Haegg, holder of the world's three-mile record, chats with Field Marshal the Earl Alexander before athletes of six nations get down to business. All set now for the hundred yards.

American Joe Schatzel quickly takes the lead. Britain's Brian Shenton is close behind. Alumo, a Nigerian, is there, but Schatzel rumps home five yards in front of them all. The hundred yards in ten seconds - a magnificent performance.

Now the top event of the day, the International Mile for the Emsley Carr Trophy. In the early stages a German challenger, Lawrenz, takes the lead. Behind him come the British trio: Chataway, Nankville and Pirie.

Up to the half way mark, the order's still the same. But watch Gordon Pirie, number 39. He's one of the most expert tacticians in the game and he's just waiting for the right moment to make his challenge - and here it is! As he comes past Lawrenz, American Santee piles on the pressure behind him - it's turning into a battle of the giants.

Santee opens up and he's passing Pirie! But maybe that's just part of the Pirie plan - they've still quite a way to go yet, and Pirie's watching Santee stride for stride. Now comes the moment the crowd have waited for - Pirie puts in a terrific burst as they come into the last stretch. Side by side they battle for the lead - but Pirie's still got that extra bit in reserve - and he's passing the American! -----The 22 year old bank clerk from Croydon wins the mile of the century. Already established as the fastest six-miler in the world, Pirie's not satisfied yet - his next goal is to win the world's three mile record for Britain.