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Champion runners from all over Europe get away at the start of a seven mile cross-country race held at Brussels. Quickly into the lead goes Britain's Gordon Pirio, who's been missing from the headlines this year due to a foot injury. The rest of the large field, which includes teams from Hangary, Tugoslavia and Finland, is soon strung out behind.

Josef Kovacs, the Hungarian, is after Pirie. Kevacs, who recently conquered the great Zatopek, is the favourite for the race, but Pirie keeps his lead.

More than 30 yards in front of Hovacs, Gorden Piris scores a magnificent victory for Britain, won in only 35 minutes, 56 seconds. Piris returns to racing with a wengesnes.