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GORDON PIRIE WINS CROSS COUNTRY IN BRUSSELS

Positive developed: 41 meters - 140 ft
also covered by all competition.

The "Aces Criterium" in Brussels was brilliantly won by the British Champion GORDON PIRIE who had already won this contest in 1952.

This competition which was opened to athletes of seven different nations ended on a clear victory of the British Ace and saw a spectacular battle between GORDON PIRIE and the Hungarian Jozsef KOVACS who was considered by many critics and sports fans as the favorite in the race.

However during six kilometers the two champions ran side by side in a dramatic duel when the Hungarian had a kind of slight failing. He recovered almost immediately but too late to take up Gordon Pirie who won by several seconds.

Franjo Mihalic (Yugoslavia) who won the contest last year, and had just recovered from a sorethroat, tried his best and made a very regular race which won him the third place.