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NATIONS' CROSS COUNTRY IN SAN SEBASTIAN
Positive developed: 74 meters = 247 ft
all competition

Organized by Spain on the Lasarte horse racing track in San Sebastian the Nations' Cross Country International competition was a great success and over 40,000 saw the great victory of British crossman.

The race was on a 14 Kilometers run, rather easy except for a clay ground passage saturated by last rainfalls, which caused some incidents among many men who lost their shoes.

From the first passage in front of the stands, at the 4th Kilometer the British Victory in the teams classification was already in sight. In the heading group going strongly following the speed set by FOORD and the Scott Binnie from the start, there were seven britishers with RANGER in the lead. The belgian THEYS was also there with the frenchman ALLAL. But very soon SANDO, N°1 proved that he would do his best to get a victory in lieu of Pirie who could not participate due to illness.

As SANDO was not in the first battle, he was more fresh than the others and from the 6th kilometer on he kept well in the lead and the battle was only for the second place, between the North African running for France, ALLAL (N°3) and Norris and Ford, two British representatives. However, at the 11th kilometer Allal seemed in great difficulty and in spite of his desperates efforts soon collapsed on the side of the track. Second and third place were therefore for Ford (England) Nr. 3 and K.L. NORRIS, England, Nr.6. Their performance still reinforced the British Victory already aquired by Sando's efforts.

Classifications: Individuals :

- 1-SANDO, England (N°1) 14 Kms in 46'9"
- 2-FOORD, England (N°3) " " " 46'33"
- 3-NORRIS, England (N°6) " " " 46'35"
- 4-Lucien THEYS, Belgium (N°11) " 46'31"
- 5-Antonic AMORZ Lopez, Spain (N°90) in 46'48"
- 6-W.F. Ranger, England (N°8)
- 7-Hardy, England, (N°4)
- 8-Maynard, England (N°5)
- 9-Ben Aïssa, France (N°32)
- 10-Luis Garcia Serna, Spain (N°93)

by teams :

- 1- England with 27 points
- 2- Belgium with 102 points
- 3- Spain, with 109 points
- 4- France, with 116 points
- 5- Portugal with 201 points
- 6- Wales, with 212 points
- 7- Scotland, with 282 points
- 8- Ireland, with 315 points.