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GORDON PIRIE BREAKS 1 1/2 MILE RECORD.

Back to London, to Paddington Recreation Ground, for another smashed record. Gordon Pirie tackles the unofficial world time for the 1 and a half miles held by Hungary's Ihares. That's Pirie on the outside.

All seven runners are off to a good start, and Pirie takes the lead from the beginning. Second is Ralph Dunkley with Ken Norris third.

Now Pirie's way out on his own - but don't be fooled into thinking the others aren't making good time. This is a real mass-attack on the world record. Battling for second place are Dunkley, Norris and Thorpe, in that order.

At the one mile mark, Gordon Pirie has a 50 yard lead. The others can't touch him, though some of Paddington's kids have their own ambitions.

And in a splendid finish, Pirie knocks 5 point 2 seconds off the world time. Thorpe, second and Norris third, are 40 yards behind, but still inside the world record. Even Dunkley in fourth place, beats Chatway's official British time. Pirie's comment: "Too slow - I should have been faster" Some people are never satisfied - but that's how records get broken.