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Chris Chataway joins the line-up for the start of the three miles in the Amateur Athletic Association Championships at White City. Chataway's the title-holder, and British record-holder too;; but there's a strong challenge in the shape of Derek Ibbotson, No.21, who takes an early lead.

Rain has turned the ground to mud, but Ibbotson's setting a pace that'd do credit to a dry track. And lap after lap, Chataway's just a yard behind, ready for one of his famous bursts. And after nearly three gruelling miles, here it is!

But Chataway's not the only one with a sprint up his sleeve. Ibbotson's hanging grimly on his tail, and in the final straight he starts to overtake!

The champion fights like a tiger to get back his lead - but Ibbotson holds him off, and breaks the tape with inches to spare!

A fine victory for Yorkshireman Derek Ibbotson - but it shows, too, that Chataway's getting back into form - which, with Melbourne ahead, is just as well! And talking of Melbourne, the 100 yards produces a surprise candidate, for that round-the-world ticket, No.59, the 18-year-old John Young, who wins in 9.9 seconds.

In conditions like these, from an unknown schoolboy, that's a staggering achievement. Perhaps Britain has found a world-class sprinter at last!