

EMPIRE GAMES:

The Sixth Empire and Commonwealth Games, opened by the Duke of Edinburgh at Cardiff Arms Park, turn out to be the most brilliant yet, with records tumbling thick and fast. Here's the line-up for the men's 100 yards final.

Keith Gardner of Jamaica and Tom Robinson, Bahamas, racing neck-and-neck for a photo-finish. Gardner wins in 9.4. seconds - a British and Games record - and that was against a head wind!. But that's not the only record, by any means. The javelin event produces some mighty throws.

Here's C.G. Smith, one of the four English entries.

He wins with 233 feet 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> inches - a Games record. And now the six miles; Reading policeman Stan Eldon, No.7, carries England's hopes, but there's some tough opposition - particularly from Australia's Dave Power No.1.

Settling down - and it's Stan Eldon, leading Dave Power. While that's going on, here's Susanne Allday of England putting the weight. She wins a silver medal - the gold is captured by New Zealand's Valeria Sloper, with another British and Games record. Back to the six miles for a real sensation - it's Power, Merriman of Wales, Onentia of Kenya, and Hyman of England - Stan Eldon's actually been lapped! - and Dave Power of Australia is certainly living up to his name!

Power's home in 28 minutes 47.8 - a hard-won Games record!

In the big field for the three miles. Power and Merriman are here again - and England's contingent includes Gordon Pirie No.9, and Derek Ibbotson, No.7.

World record-breaker Albert Thomas of Australia leads at the start, followed by Gordon Pirie and Maioro. Meanwhile, a glance at the discus - Mills of New Zealand earning a silver medal.

And Du Plessis of South Africa earning a gold - and an Empire, British and Games record.

Back to the three miles - and it's Thomas still leading, followed by Scott and Halberg of New Zealand. But out of the blue, Murray Halberg puts on a spring which leaves the rest nowhere. The crowd roars as he streaks for the tape with a good 60-yard lead! The time 13 minutes, 15 seconds, smashing the Games record by 20 seconds and collecting the Empire, British National, and British all-comers' records into the bargain!

And here's the women's 100 yards - England's Heather Young, No.13, is first away, but Australia's Marlene Matthews-Willard, No.4, creeps up on her yard by yard. In a breathless photofinish, Marlene just makes it. And yes, you're right - they've both broken the Games record!