

SOLDIERS CONTEST IS ALL-IN

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Men of the Army, Navy and Air Force formed the British team in the Modern Pentathlon World Championships, the eighth international contest of its kind. All competitors had to take part in five events, each of which carried one thousand points. On the riding course at Tweseldown, for example, the thousand could be earned by a faultless round completed in five minutes. Fachini, of Italy, takes a tumble.

Sergeant Cobley, Great Britain, did pretty well and earned 680 points.

Best Individual rider was Tatarinov, of Russia, with the fine score of 965 points. 14 countries competed. Back in 1924 the Pentathlon was won by a now famous man, General Sir Brian Horrocks, here a spectator. Berthan, of Germany earned a modest 435 points. The fencing took place in the Gymnasium at Aldershot. T. Hudson, Britain, against the Russian, Tarasov (on the left.)

This was not to prove a victory for Britain. Tarasov lost his balance but was declared the winner.

The competitors set a very high standard in swimming. Every one had to be a first class all round athlete. In this heat, for Great Britain, swam Lieut. Harvey. The distance of 300 metres had to be swum in four minutes to earn a thousand points. Here is Novikov of Russia, well in the running at this stage.

Tatarinov easily won his heat from Corporal Stoll of America.

Tatarinov warmly congratulated the Hungarian Balaso, who put up the fastest time of the day. But at this stage, Novikov led the Pentathlon field. In the pistol shooting the range was twenty-five metres. A target score of 195 points was needed to earn the maximum thousand. Idjessvall, of Sweden, gained fourth place in the event. Lieutenant Harvey was well down the list in 28th place. For the military minded, competitors were supposed to be showing the qualities required of Army dispatch riders in Napoleonic times, when a man had to be able to ride, fence, swim streams, and shoot his way out of trouble. Novikov (in the centre) came second in the shooting. Eventually, the Pentathlon was won for Russia by Novikov and his brilliant team-mates.