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(1). TITLE.:- SWIMMING THROUGH PARIS.

Picture.:- Somewhere amongst that lot is the future swimming champion of Paris. XXXX It is always a well-contested race, for they come from all parts of France in the hopes of being able to show the Parisian people that all the leaders of sport don't come from the Capital. XXXX Right from the start, Vandeplaneke, --

--(winner of last year and the year before), has the lead. XXXX He steadily forges ahead, --

--but it is only when Notre Dame is in sight that he draws clear of the mass.

The other competitor in the picture at the moment is a woman competitor, who received fifteen minutes start. XXXX However, it avails her little --

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--as Vandeplaneke streaks along to complete the 8 kilometre course (that's about 5 miles), in sixty-one minutes, twenty five seconds. XXXX A mile in twelve seconds! XXXX That's fast work ! So, he did -- *minutes!*

--the "hat trick" - and he looks fit enough to do it all over again ! XXXX Perhaps he will - next year !