

BRUSSELSJACK HOLDEN WINS MARATHON

At the Heysel Stadium athletes of 22 nations salute Prince Baudouin. It's the championship meeting and 22 runners line up for the marathon race. Twenty-six-and-a-quarter miles to go and nobody's in a hurry yet. Somewhere in the bunch is Jack Holden, No. 317. He's not sure of the way - that's the only reason he's not out front.

Here he is with the leaders. Silver-haired and aged 43 he's the oldest man taking part in the European Championships.

Now he's sure of his way and strides out in front. A Staffordshire gardener, he's been running for 20 years and says "he's good for years yet."

Into the Stadium almost sprinting (his nearest rival Karvonen of Finland 200 yards away) and the sixty thousand crowd cheers.

And there he goes over the line a fine winner beating youngsters half his age. The man's a marvel. Thank goodness, he's British too!