

LONDON v. PRAGUE ATHLETICS.

Who cares about the fog? This is the race 40,000 people have come to see, at the "Evening News" athletics match between London and Prague. Emil Zatopek, the world's greatest runner, leads Gordon Pirie, his greatest challenger, in the 10,000 metres. Just behind are Ken Norris and Santrock.

Now Pirie's trying to force the pace, but the Czech champion holds his own. Ten thousand metres - just over six miles - is Zatopek's favourite distance. He beat Pirie and Norris in the same event in Prague recently, and the British pair are out to turn the tables.

And it's Pirie and Zatopek, neck and neck with only a lap to go. Zatopek seems to be tiring, but is it a bluff? No, it isn't - Pirie's racing ahead, with Norris in second place! Zatopek the Great, the holder of eight world records, is yielding his crown to younger men - to rivals he generously helped to teach!

The crowd's rearing its head off as Gordon Pirie, with six miles behind him, streaks towards the tape like a quarter-mile sprinter!

And he's home! Twenty yards ahead of Ken Norris and sixty ahead of Zatopek. What a race - and what a day for Gordon Pirie.