

ATHLETICS: GREAT BRITAIN VS. U.S.A.

The athletics meeting of the year: Britain versus America, sponsored by the News of the World. In the men's hundred yards, Frankie Budd (America) took the lead and held it against David Jones and Peter Radford.

World record holder, Budd was satisfied this time with 9.7. Another U.S. victory in the High Jump. John Thomas cleared 6 feet. 10 inches. He can do better than that, but it was the winning height on the day.

In the Three-Miles ran the great Gordon Pirie, just now at the top of his form. Bare-footed Bruce Tulloh provided tough opposition. Master tactician Pirie was content to let Tulloh lead at this stage.

With a perfectly timed effort Pirie took command, established superiority over Tulloh, and was an easy first at the tape. Pirie's time, 13 minutes, 16-point-four, was a U.K. National and Three A.s National Record.

Though losing the match, Britain had a grand win in the four-by-440 yards relay. At the end of stage three, Brightwell (Birchfield Harriers) was only just behind Plummer. Adrian Metcalfe took over for Britain, Ullis Williams for the U.S. How the crowd warmed to Metcalfe, as he majestically passed Williams and went on to win. An Empire, European and U.K. record.

Adrian Metcalfe, said the experts, has all the look of an Olympic Champion when the time comes.