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GORDON RICHARDS EQUALS FRED ARCHER'S RECORD.

Gordon Richards, our champion jockey, needed only one more win to tie with Fred Archer's record of two-thousand-seven-hundred-and-forty-nine wins.....If Gordon reached that figure, it would be news, even in these days. So Pathe cameramen went along to Newmarket just in case.....The crowd was on its toes in anticipation, as the second race on the card gave Gordon his chance.

While the preliminaries are in progress, let us delve into the famous Pathe Gazette Film Library and re-live the day that Gordon Richards beat Archer's record of winning mounts for a single season. It was just ten years ago that we first published these pictures, as Gordon notched up his two-hundred-and-fifty-ninth winner, in the year 1933. He had already started on his long run of successes which put him at the head of the list of winning Jockeys in twelve of the fourteen pre-war years.

Gordon Richards was a happy man that day, and this big crowd, (contrasting greatly with the smaller gatherings of these days) gave him an ovation..... And now, we switch again to Newmarket, April 1943.

Thirty-nine-year-old Gordon Richards all set to equal the record that has held for over fifty years. Eighteen three year olds racing for the Marden Plate. Seventeen Jockeys, each hoping to pass the post before Gordon on BAMEX.

The favourite is CARELESS TALK. Gordon is well up and needs all he's got to win!

Two-thousand-seven-hundred-and-forty-eight wins already in the bag, with just that one more needed to equal Archer's total.

That's it. Gordon Richards has done it! Tied with the Record!

Maybe by the time you see this Gordon will have added another win to his score. If so he will be the champion jockey of all time. We wish him luck.