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SPORTS WINNERS

The King fired the starter's pistol that sent 99 prize-hungry Harriers padding the roads from Windsor Castle in the Marathon race of 1946. It's a long long trail a' winding before they see that thin white line of winner's tape waiting to be broken 26 miles away at Chiswick.

In front after the first ten minutes, No. 25 (Reading's H.S. Oliver) showed the crowd at Chiswick Stadium a sprinter's freshness. And after a two and a half hours non-stop run, sportsman Oliver joins the week's winners.

The racing roar hit Cambridge when the Auto Club's speedsters burned up a wet and windy track in a race to clock the day's fastest time.

Rain kept the speed down on corners and anybody in too much of a hurry took a spin. First to go was Gerardo H.R.A.

Notching the day's best time was R. Parnell in a Maserati - another winner in the gallery.

Pauline Betz on the left America's Tennis No. 2 soon had Britain's Jean Bostock chasing the ball in our biggest Wightman Cup beating since 1923. We didn't win a single set, and a big part of the reason why was Pauline Betz. Her racket service and all round strength were too much for Mrs Bostock. The match went to America 6-2, 6-4. And the audience applauded a new winner.

Mrs Ray Menzies, took the next beating from America's Margaret Osborne. Her play gave a big thrill, especially to the schoolgirl section of the crowd. Mrs Menzies (the former Ray Stammers) had a bad day, and the match went to Miss Osborne 6-3, 6-2.

Miss Joan Currie was Britain's brightest hope. She battled away with a 3-match deficit but couldn't hold the wonderful speed and deadly volleying of U.S. Star, Louise Brough. Taller and stronger, she took the match 8-6, 6-3, with Joan Currie the day's best loser. The contest, a grim shake-up for British Tennis, ended with a presentation by the Duchess of Kent to Cup-donor Mrs Wightman and America's best tennis side in years.