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Post War Sporting Heroes

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Sydney Wooderson was the First Post-War British Athlete, who I can recall. Roger Bannister, Gordon Pirie and Chris Brasher, all gained a Medals haul. Jeanette Altwegg in 1952, won Britain's First Ever, Olympic Skating Gold. A Graduate of 'The Silver Blades Ice Rink', on Liverpool's East Prescott Road. At Speedway's Stanley Stadium, Peter Craven rode with 'Wheels on Fire'. Star Rider of 'Liverpool Chads', with Len Read and 'Mad Angus' Maguire. Len Hutton, Cyril Washbrook and Denis Compton, fine Batsmen, so prolific. Bowlers Brian Statham, Alec Bedser and Jim Laker, my six Idols of Cricket. Flat Jockeys like Sir Gordon Richards, Lester Piggott and Scobie Breasley. Also Steeplechasers, Dick Francis and Fred Winter, I still remember easily. Tom Van Vollenhoven, Brian Bevan, Billy Boston. Stars of Rugby League. Brave Wingers with astonishing pace, who rarely showed signs of fatigue. Top British Boxers, Randolph Turpin, Bruce Woodcock and Freddie Mills. Raymond Glendenning, BBC's Ace Commentator, describing all the thrills.