

Britain first: Bannister's World Record mile

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Oxford: Running for the A.A.A. against the University, Roger Bannister limbers up for a planned attack on that "four-minute mile". From the start, ~~never before achieved by man~~ team-mate Chris Brasher sets a gruelling pace, with Bannister hard on his heels, and Chris Chataway waiting to take over...

And for over half-a-mile, Brasher (whose real role is steeplechasing) kept it up..

NOW - HERE COMES CHATAWAY - FOLLOWED BY

~~to the front~~
~~BANNISTER~~
~~retired~~

Round they go - the three-quarter mile is ^{reached} in half-a-second over the planned schedule of three minutes.

Could he do it now? ^{yes!} ~~lengthening his~~ amazing stride - this was ^{Bannister's} Roger's answer. Watch his final three-hundred yard dash - first passing Chataway - then on - battling against unfavourable conditions - a cross wind and a sodden track.

Up to the finishing line. Time 3 minutes 59.4 seconds - shattering the "four-minute mile" - long regarded as the Everest of athletic achievement. A great reception for the young Medical student who had cut two whole seconds off Gunder Haegg's world record, set up nine years ago. (Sound)

cue / Roger
Well done, Bannister!
The Four-Minute Mile
is British!