

Southport: Open Golf thrills at Royal Birkdale ~~AND~~

~~comp~~ a final-round battle for the title. Welshman Dai Rees misses a two-yard putt ~~HE REES~~ finished, once again, the champion runner-up.

~~BOBBIE LOCKE, THE HOLDER AND~~ a position he shared with Sid Scott of Carlisle (seen here shattering the course record with a brilliant sixty-seven) ~~FROM~~

~~RETURNED A FINAL 284.~~

Then - great excitement as Australia's Peter Thomson (making a brilliant recovery from a bunker) ~~NEEDING TWO PUTTS TO WIN~~ reached the green ~~Thomson's~~

final 283 won the title by a single stroke ~~the making him the~~

first Australian to win the trophy ~~AFTER A FINAL ROUND OF THRILLS~~ AND SURPRISES. ~~THEN THE~~

~~CHAMPION~~ shared his crowning moment with his wife ~~CHAMPION~~

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At the White City, too, coveted titles were at stake in the A.A.A. Championships.

The Start of the Mile, with Roger Bannister No. 1 (now a qualified doctor) facing stern opposition in Irish Champion Vic Milligan and Bill Nankeville. The last lap, Bannister moving up, to launch an incredible final burst that ~~pushed~~ pushed his rivals ^{right} out of the picture.

The time for the lap was 53.8 seconds. Four laps like this and we'd be thinking of a three-and-a-half minute mile!

Highlight of the meeting came in the Three Miles. N. Maiyoro of Kenya (running in bare feet), set a cracking pace. Then Chris Chataway ^(No. 8) and Freddie Green ^(No. 12) took over, Chataway trying for a new record.

Then came a surprise when Green, the Birmingham ex-paratrooper, took the lead on the final bend - and stayed there - to win by inches.

Both men clocked 13 minutes 32.2 seconds - a new world record for Britain. The previous best ^{was} set up by Gunnar Haegg of Sweden, twelve years ago...

~~President Lord Burghley~~ Freddy Green, ~~had won~~ his first major ^{RACE} victory in world champion style, AND THE TROPHY WAS PRESENTED BY LORD BURGHLEY.