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London: Award for Bannister

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London: The Variety Club honoured athletic achievement when Harold Abrahams (former Olympic champion) ^{recalled} ~~outlined~~ the performances that won for Dr. Roger Bannister - the Helms Trophy.

Marathon record-holder Jim Peters X Cross-country champion Gordon Pirie ^S and Jean Desforges were among the luncheon guests.

The Trophy (presented annually by the Helms Foundation of America) was awarded to Dr. Bannister as Europe's top athlete for 1954. International recognition for those two less-than-four minute miles, at Oxford and Vancouver. ~~SOUND.~~

Over to Algiers for the International Horse-Jumping championships - though not every entrant was full of the spirit of Spring. ~~SOUND.~~

Among the many famous international riders competing was ^{Germany's} Herr Winckler, the 1954 World Champion. ~~SOUND.~~

Carrying British hopes was Miss Pat Smythe. Here she is - making a faultless round on "Prince Hal". ~~SOUND.~~

Despite the fierce competition from World and Olympic champions, Pat Smythe won the coveted crown; but ~~even~~ ^{NEW} this honour didn't put Prince Hal off his feed! ~~SOUND.~~