

Pride of place in our sports round-up goes to Oxford - where Dr. Roger Bannister watched the unveiling of a plaque at the Iffley Road Track... It commemorates the miracle-mile of the previous year that won ~~for~~ him an immortal place in athletic history...as the world's first four-minute miler.

Over in Germany, another great British athlete was hitting the headlines Gordon Pirie - running with his brother, Peter, in a three-thousand metres race, at Freiberg, in the Black Forest.

Gordon was soon moving up to take the lead - and, as usual, he came home alone - though in the comparatively slow time of 8 minutes 22.4 seconds.

A ^{double} ~~real~~ Pirie triumph ^{this -} for brother Peter took second place. No wonder the Germans ^{thought -} ~~thought~~ though that it was ~~extraordinary~~ two too much!

The following day, at Hockenheim, top motor-cycle aces battled against ~~the~~ wind and rain, in the 500 c.c. event of the Rhine Cup Races.

Yet, despite the treacherous track, World Champion Geoff Duke set up a new lap record of 123.83 miles per hour. And here he is - winning the race on his four-cylinder Italian Gilera...

Ken Kavanagh, the Australian ace, was second - so the great Commonwealth rivals shared top honours.../s

Now for a sporting glimpse behind the Iron curtain - as riders of ~~sixteen~~ eighteen Nations compete in the Prague, Berlin-Warsaw Cycle Marathon.

Thirteen hundred miles to go - and this doesn't help - a mass pile-up ~~was~~ soon after the start. 3

Stan Brittain of Liverpool held the lead for several stages; though Boeck ^{OF BELGIUM} won this leg, and Schur of Germany earned third place - the hard way.

In Belgium, the main sports attraction was motor racing at Francorchamps - especially the sports car event - a comparatively recent innovation that has rapidly grown in popularity.

While chasing the leader - Fransen skidded off the track. Earlier, the English driver, Harris, had also crashed on this same turn.

The winner was Paul Frere of Belgium.../s

Over (to Wembley).