White City: Versity' Athletics

13th June 1955

London: At the White City, the athletes of Oxford and Cambridge combined to meet the challenge of American rivals from Yale and West Point, the Military Academy.

In the 220 yards hurdles, R.D. Shaw of Oxford to demonstrated British track marp supremacy - winning from a West Point rival in 24.4 seconds. This completed a notable Hurdles double for Shaw - an up-and-coming track star.

Mighlight of the meeting was the Special Invitation Two Thousand Metres event - which featured Chris Chataway - who recently crashed through the Four-Minute Mile barrier.

Seen here, lying fourth, Chataway was not, however, attempting a record performance at this longer distance.

In the third lap, Fric Shirley, the Finchley Harrier, pushed up the pace -

yet still Chataway stayed right at his elbow.

The final lap - and now, the four-minute miler lets himself out - streaking away for the tape.

A brilliant last lap of 58 seconds - and Chataway had set up a new British time of 5 minutes 9.4 seconds - the third fastest two thousand metres on record ...

