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EUROPEAN GAMES.

The stadium was packed when the field lined up for the start of the 1500 metres. Twelve of Europe's middle distance runners started, with Britain's main hope, Roger Bannister, keeping out of trouble at the rear of the field. Dohrow of Germany, Jungwirth of Czechoslovakia, and Lueg of Germany, in that order, set the pace, covering the first 400 metres in 58.2 seconds. Bannister moved up to 7th place in the 2nd lap, but still the same three runners fought for the lead. At this stage too, Nielsen of Denmark began moving up on the outside to get into a striking position.

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Now Jungwirth took over the lead from Dohrow, with Bannister content to lie in 6th place. Now Bannister began to move up, striding out with the grace and ease of the great runner he is. Now the race really began - with Bannister challenging Nielsen and Jungwirth.

Now watch Bannister going up on the outside. And this is where he really cuts loose. Nielsen and Jungwirth could not hold him. No-one could hold him now, as Bannister began that final bursting spurt to the finishing line. This was how Bannister won, with Nielsen second and Jungwirth third.

Then came the 5000 metres, in which Chataway and Green of Britain were to have their long-awaited meeting with the famous Czech, Zatopek. The pace was fast as the field sorted itself out, but before long the Russian, Kutz, burst into the lead. No-one knew it then, but Kutz was to keep that lead all through the race. Green of Britain was second now, Chataway back in the bunch. Little was seen of Zatopek at this stage. Still it was Kutz, followed by Green, and then Garai of Hungary. All the time Kutz was increasing his lead, striding out with great power and resolution. The field had spread out a little, still there was no sign of Zatopek. Then Chataway moved up again, to join Green, but they were well behind Kutz. Kutz was still out in front, nearly 100 yards ahead, and showing no sign of distress. Now Zatopek had come up into second place, with Chataway sticking to his heels. The great duel was on, but it was to be for second place, not first. Still it was Kutz, and now he was lapping one of the other competitors - no-one could catch him now, his lead was so great. Zatopek and Chataway were still fighting it out, but making little impression on the leader. He was too far ahead. And this was how Kutz won the 5000 metres in the world record time. Chataway came 2nd, with his great rival Zatopek third. So a new world record holder won the 5000 metres at Berne. Chataway had beaten Zatopek, but Kutz had beaten them all!

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The fourth day of the Games, again warm and sunny. There is a capacity crowd. Britain's second Gold Medal came in the Women's High Jump. 18 year-old Miss Thelma Hopkins of Belfast was the leading British Competitor. This is her winning jump - 5 ft. 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". The runner-up, Miss Balazs of Roumania failed in three jumps, which if successful, would have given her the lead, but she failed each time. For the British Team, another promising womens' event was the 80 metres hurdles. British finalists were Miss Desforges and Miss Seabourne, but, as in so many other races, it was a Russian athlete who broke the tape, Miss Golobnichaja. She was the winner, with Miss Seabourne 3rd and Miss Desforges 6th. The time was again a record. The most exciting race yesterday was the final of the mens 800 metres. There was a lot of buffeting in the rush for the first bend. Britain's representative, Derek Johnson, was in the middle of the field - as the runners settled down, Boysen of Norway took the lead, with Johnson in 5th place. Halfway through the second lap it was still Boysen ahead, but now he was beginning to tire and on the last bend, De Muynck of Belgium and Szentgali of Hungary closed up. Johnson, on the outside, made a great effort on the home stretch, but it was Hungary's Szentgali, finishing strongly to win by one-fifth of a second from De Muynck, with Johnson fourth. All first five runners had beaten the games record.