

HERB THE INVINCIBLE.

Running in the Mile, at the meeting sponsored by the Evening News, Gordon Pirie couldn't have expected to win. The great Herb Elliott was among the six starters, and over that distance nobody beats him. The only question, on that bitterly cold evening - would he achieve his 17th under-four-minute mile?

Elliott's opposition included a newspaper van driver, Nat Fisher. He led on the second lap. Both the champion and Gordon Pirie were in no hurry at this stage.

Fisher was now finishing his job as pacemaker. On the last lap Michel Bernard (France) was in front, Elliott's in pursuit. Majestically, Herb Elliott now took command, taking front place as if by right. All the same, he still had his work cut out to make the tape under four minutes.

All he had to do now was to beat the stop watch. He just did it. One fifth of a second less than four minutes.