EUROPEAN GAMES.

31/8/54.

Big crowds and bright sunshine in the Stadium at Berne, marked the last day of the European Championships. And that was the start of the fifteen hundred metres --- one of they greatest of races, in this vintage year of athletics. Twelve starters representing many different nations --- and Roger Bannister representing Britain.

In the first lap, Bannister was centent to lie well back

Now Bannister --- Ne. one thirty nine ---that fair-haired, rhythmically-striding figure, is gently moving up. But so far he's in no hurry to get to the front.

Now --- in the last lap --- the typical Bannister burst has brought him out in front at precisely the right moment --- to win from Nielson of Denmark, and Jungwirth of Czecheslovakia; in another new championship record time

The Women's High Jump --- Miss Balaze of Rumania just fails to make it.

And it's Thelma Hepkins from Belfast, who brings another Gold Medal back to Britain with a winning jump of five feet, five and threequarter inches.

Now the five thousand metres; the long-looked-for attempt by Britain's Chris Chataway to beat his old, unbeatable rival, Emil Zatopek of Czecheelovakia.

Out in frentat the start is an unknown Russian named Kutz; everybody assumed the pace he was setting was too hot to last. Kutz was followed by Green --- and Green by Chataway --- Number ene-fertytwo determine Telepole was well at the back

Here's Green again, closely followed by Chataway. Kutz of Russia is still holding the lead; but the world-record-holder, Zatepek --- No. seven-hundred-and-one --- has now moved up to third place.

There's Zatepek cracking steadaly on --- and still Chataway is keeping close.

Owl New Chataway puts on speed and starts to gain on his eld rival keeps ---- but the Russian/kept up his anazing pace to win.

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Chris Chataway has achieved his ambition of beating the amazin Emil Zatepek; but that fine performance, only gave him second place. The Russian's terrific win, had once again created a new world record for the five thousand metres; thirteen minutes, fifty six point

six seconds.

Now --- back & Britain -- a place lenning at London Airport

short holiday. Flowers for the Women's Captain, Jean Desferged She brought a Gold Medal home to Britain, with a record-breaking long jump of mineteen feet ten inches.

And now --- here is Chris Chataway; and next to him Derek Johnson, whose great running just falled to bring him victory. In the second descent falled to bring him victory.

tribute to the British team

Yes --- there's no doubt they covered themselves with glory; led by one the greatest athletes of all time