

British Runner R. Bannister Breaks Four-Minute Mile

LONDON (CP)—Roger Bannister Thursday night ended the athletic world's quest for the four-minute mile with a monumental effort in which he was timed at 3:59.4.

The shy former Oxford University student, who never admitted openly that he hoped to crack the four-minute barrier, smashed the 4:01.4 world record set nine years ago by Sweden's Gunder Haegg.

It was Bannister's first race of the year.

A meagre crowd of 1,000, mostly Oxford students, watched Bannister drive himself mercilessly through a .56.9 final lap on the oval-shaped quarter-mile Iffley Road track after trailing his competitors, Oxford's Chris Chataway and former Cambridge hurdler Chris Brasher, for the first three laps.

CONDITIONS TOUGH

A bitter cross-wind offered far from ideal conditions for a record-breaking performance. But the 24-year-old medical student, spurred by the fast pace of his competitors, reeled off quarter-miles of 57.5, 60.7 and 62.3 seconds before taking his great final effort.

Approval by the International Amateur Athletic Federation is needed before Bannister's record becomes official but there appeared little doubt that it will be granted.

The Iffley Road oval, Bannister's home track, was reserved immediately after the race and found to measure a half-inch more than the required quarter-mile.

Bannister expects to receive his medical degree from London's St. Mary's University in a few months, but he plans to compete in the British Empire Games at Vancouver, beginning in late July, and the European championships at Bern, Switzerland before completing his studies.

EQUALS OTHER RECORD

Bannister kept on Brasher's heels for the first two laps and then when Chataway rushed into the lead Bannister stayed with him through the third lap.

About 300 yards from the tape he lost loose. Steadily drawing away from Chataway with his machine-like effortless stride, Bannister breasted a stiff wind on the last bend and gave a final great burst.

Bannister also unofficially equalled the 1,500-metre world mark of 3:43 on his way to the mile.

Bannister said he had been training recently with an Austrian coach, Franz Stampf, who helped him strengthen his shoulders and legs with push-ups. Bannister is an effortless runner, with longer strides than usual, and many consider his style to be among the best.

Later, Bannister told a British television audience it had been "fairly urgent" for a Briton to try for the four-minute mark.

"(Wes) Santee of America and (John) Landy of Australia had announced they were going to try, and we wanted someone in this country to do it first," he said.

HAD LONG LAYOFF

What made Bannister's effort all the more extraordinary was that he had not run a race since last Autumn and was not too certain that he had attained his peak. However, it was on this same track in 1953 that he began that season with a 4:03.6 mile. His only faster time than this before Thursday was 4:02, in June of 1953, in a paced bid for the world record.

Spectators and athletes surged around him after he finished. Two officials held him erect as he regained his breath. Then came the announcement of the great time.

Bannister rushed over to Chataway who finished second in 4:07.2, and Brasher and embraced them.

The Oxford medical student, who stands six feet, one inch, told reporters he had not decided to go all out for a world record until 15 minutes before the start of the race. It had rained during the day and the strong wind had whipped the field. But less than a half-hour before race time the sun came out and a rainbow showed in the sky. It was a good luck omen for Bannister.

"LONE WOLF" RUNNER

Fellow runners know Bannister as the "lone wolf miler" because he scored coaches and

worked out by his own training schedules until early this year, when he got together with Stampf.

For years, the self-possessed young athlete has used himself as a "guinea pig" in experiments. He once ran on a moving belt in the labs to test the effect on a runner inhaling pure oxygen.


Bannister ascribes his success as a runner to two things.

One is his long legs—35 inches inside measurement. Second is his lung capacity—he can absorb more than a gallon of oxygen a minute.

Bannister has always put his studies before his work. He plans to practise as a neuro-surgeon when he gets his medical degree.

He patterned his running style after the late Jack Lovelock of New Zealand who won the Olympic 1,500 metres in 1936 and was once the world record holder for the mile.

IN THIS CORNER



The Basilica Youth Club Number One Team and the R.C.M.P. will meet in the finals for the City Volleyball League championship next week.

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clubs who felt that they could not afford such a trip. In that case the Summerside players would have had to make a large number of trips to the Island capital and on week-days this would be next to impossible. The City players however welcomed Summerside's interest in the League and no doubt a number of exhibition games will be arranged between teams from the two centres during the summer.

Bob Bedard, who handled a number of Maritime Major Hockey League games here last winter, is doing very well in the International Tennis Tournament at Rome. Bedard advanced to the fourth round of the men's singles on Thursday by defeating a highly rated French player. A report on the tournament says Bedard has pulled several upsets in the tourney, including Wednesday's five-set victory over highly-rated Sven Davidson of Sweden.

MASSEY RETURNS HOME

OTTAWA, (CP)—Governor-General Massey arrived home by air Wednesday from a three-day official visit to Washington. An RCAF guard of honor was present for the arrival, but there was

Prince Of Wales College Football Team



The members of the Prince of Wales College football team which played that memorable six game series with the Intermediate Saints last fall are pictured above:

Back row, left to right: Gordon Bennett, Bill MacKinnon, David MacLeod, Joe Revell, Brian Chandler, Gordon Tweedy, Don MacLeod, Malcolm McFadyen, George Andrews, Jim Coyle.

Front row, left to right: Brewer, Auld, Doug Cudmore, Mark Ladner, Neils Hansen, Norris Mizuno, and Saints for the Island Intermediate championship. Each team won one game and the other four contests ended in tie scores with the result that the series was cancelled without a winner being declared.

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Baseball Results

National League
Brooklyn 002 302 000 00-7 5 1
Chicago 101 050 000 01-8 16 0
Erskine, Milliken (5) Labine (8) and Walker; Klippstein, Jeffcoat (4) and Tappe, Garagiola (10); W. J. Burdette and Crandall. L-O: Donnell.

New York 000 002 020-4 8 1
Cincinnati 110 002 01x-5 9 0
Jansen, Grissom (6) McCall (7) Hearn (8) and Katt, Westrum (7) St. Claire (8); Perkowski and Bailey. L-McCall. HRs: NY - Mays, Thompson, Cin-Bell.

Philadelphia at St. Louis postponed, rain.

American League
Baltimore 000 000 000-0 0 0
New York 400 003 20x-9 11 0
Coleman, Koslo (1) Littlefield (6) Stuart (8) and Courtney; Reynolds, Kuzava (8) Crim (9) and Berra, Silveira (8). W-Reynolds. L-Coleman. HR-Ny-Berra.

Chicago 100 020 002-5 11 0
Washington 001 020 100-4 8 3
Truick, Dorish (6) Consuegra (9) and Lollar, Sawatski (6); Pascual and Fitzgerald. W-Dorish. L-Pascual. HR: Was-Siewers.

Detroit at Boston postponed, rain.

Cleveland 100 010 010-3 7 1
Philadelphia 000 001 010-2 7 0
Wynn and Hegan; Portocarrero and Robertson. HR: Cle-Smith; Pha-Power.

International League
Richmond 001 001 500-7 8 1
Buffalo 300 001 100-5 11 0
Nardello, Epperly (7) and Taback, Jarvis (8); Foystack, Nevel (7), Hoeksema (7) Jordan (9) and Bucha.

Toronto 000 000 102-3 9 2
Ottawa 020 322 00x-9 14 0
Blake, Schaffer (4), Landeck (5), Fahr (6), Hahn (7) and Hoard; Kellner and Watlington. L-Blake. HR-Jethro.

Havana 000 000 001-1 10 0
Syracuse 000 000 40x-4 8 2
Moreno, Harris (7) and Noble; Spring, Zinker (8) and Lonnett.

Rochester 020 000 000-2 6 2
Montreal 100 002 10x-4 7 1
Blaylock, Jacobs (7) Knight (7) and Burbrink; Lasorda and Howell. LP - Blaylock; HR - Mil, Hamrick.

TV Industry Thrives

TORONTO, (CP)—More than 1,000,000 television sets will be in use in Canada by the end of this year, delegates to the Association of Canadian Advertisers convention were told Wednesday. J. D. Campbell, general manager of consumer products division of Canadian Westinghouse, said the television industry expects to sell about 450,000 new sets this year.

Holman's Annual Bowling Banquet Held At Summerside Last Night

—Holman's annual bowling banquet was held at Howard's Restaurant in Summerside last night. George Chappell being master of ceremonies. A delicious chicken dinner was served to the guests, and in the intervals between courses an enjoyable sing-song was held with Benny Richards acting as song leader, and Mrs. Joyce Soles as accompanist.

Mr. Chappell gave an outline of the bowling activities for the season, saying the competition had resulted in a very close finish with the winners emerging victorious by only 18 pins. He called upon Mr. Bill Currie to make the presentations.

Mr. Currie said he was pinching for the higher-ups in the management who unfortunately were unable to be present. He declared that there was no better means of creating good fellowship than in the promotion of such sporting enterprises, and he assured those present that the Holman management were quite enthusiastic about the bowling activities.

Mr. Currie then presented the Holman's trophy to the winning team, and small replicas of the trophy to each member of the team, the personnel of which was as follows: Capt. Doris MacLean, Garth Gay, Eimer Matheson, Mrs. Bernadette Gallant, Edmond Gallant, Harry Barlow, Mrs. Evelyn Watson, Louise Woodside.

The following individual prizes were then presented by Mr. Currie: High average, Mrs. Joyce Soles, 176; high average, Gus MacDonald, 207; Ladies' high single, Mrs. Joyce Soles, 263; men's high single, Gus MacDonald, 322; ladies high three, Mrs. Ben Gallant, 648, men's high three, Geo. Chappell, 377.

Mr. Chappell in closing expressed the thanks to the sports committee, Miss Wanda Palmer and Garth V. Clark, the sporty conveners, for the work they had done to make the bowling league a success. The sing-song was then enjoyed, and later a dance, with the Clover Club Band of Charlottetown supplying the music.

Tobacco Crop

OTTAWA, (CP)—Tobacco harvested in Canada was 500,000 pounds lower in the year ended last Sept. 30, than in the preceding year, the farm value of the crop increased.

The bureau of statistics reported Thursday that tobacco harvested during the year declined to 139,190,000 pounds, but the value increased to \$59,617,000 from \$56,797,000 in 1952.

Tobacco production in Quebec increased to 9,865,000 pounds from 8,358,000.

Police Push

Patris staggered 50 yards across a field and over a road to a neighbour's home. He collapsed with blood welling from two holes in his neck.

Mrs. Frank Goguen said he smoked a cigaret as he awaited a doctor and told this story of the attack:

"I heard someone call 'Hi Rene.' I answered 'Hello, what do you want?' He said 'Come out here and you'll find out.' I stepped under the light near the barn door and he fired. All I saw of him was a figure in the shadows. I thought he was pointing a stick at me and that somebody was joking with me."

R.C.M.P. working with walkie-talkies and police dogs warned residents of the area to lock their cars so they could not be used for escape.

They described Brown as 5 feet, 6 inches tall, weighing 150 pounds and with a one-inch scar on his forehead.

He was believed carrying a .22-calibre rifle and a supply of ammunition.

Police found two bullet holes in the windshield of the abandoned truck and said they came from a weapon fired inside the cab.

The streets of this coal-mining town were deserted Thursday night save for patrolling RCMP constables.

Householders locked their doors

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Baseball Standings

National League

Team	W	L	Pct.	GBL
Philadelphia	11	6	.647	
Cincinnati	12	8	.600 1/2	
Brooklyn	10	8	.556 1 1/2	
St. Louis	10	9	.526 2	
Milwaukee	8	9	.471 3	
Chicago	7	8	.467 3 1/2	
New York	9	11	.450 3 3/4	
Pittsburgh	7	15	.316 6 1/2	

American League

Team	W	L	Pct.	GBL
Chicago	14	7	.687 -	
Detroit	9	5	.643 1 1/2	
Cleveland	11	7	.611 1 1/2	
Philadelphia	9	9	.500 3 1/2	
New York	9	9	.500 3 1/2	
Baltimore	5	11	.316 6 1/2	
Washington	7	11	.389 5 1/2	
Boston	4	9	.308 6	

Friday

Philadelphia at Philadelphia (N)
New York at Pittsburgh (N)
St. Louis at Cincinnati (N)
Chicago at Milwaukee (N)

Saturday

Brooklyn at Philadelphia (N)
New York at Pittsburgh (N)
St. Louis at Cincinnati (N)
Chicago at Milwaukee (N)

International League

Team	W	L	Pct.	GBL
Syracuse	8	3	.727 -	
Rochester	10	6	.625 1 1/2	
Buffalo	7	5	.583 1 1/2	
Havana	8	8	.500 2 1/2	
Montreal	5	6	.455 3	
Toronto	6	8	.429 3 1/2	
Ottawa	4	7	.364 4	
Richmond	5	10	.333 5	

Canada's Exports Up For March

OTTAWA, (CP)—Canada's exports, which had been declining earlier in the year, rose by \$8,000,000 to \$321,000,000 in March. The increase from \$