

At Windsor, Princess Margaret met ~~_____~~ former Marathon champions, including the holder, Jim Peters - before starting the 1955 race for the "Sporting Life" Trophy.

And - away they go - a field of 198, with over twenty-six gruelling miles ahead - to the finish at Chiswick Stadium.

Meanwhile, as we went on to Chiswick to watch the Kinneaird Trophy Meeting and await their arrival - the ~~race was to develop~~ ^{Marathon developed} into a three-man race - between Geoff. Iden, the favourite, Eric Smith, and R.A.F. Sergeant, Bill McMinnis...

In the Stadium, the huge crowd proclaimed the appearance of a track favourite, and sure enough, in the Three Miles event - there he was, Chris Chataway, running for his club, Achilles.

forward move now - and Chris comes up into second place behind Ken Norris - ~~_____~~

Then, in the last of ~~twenty~~ ^{twelve} laps, Chataway pulls out an incredible burst - to spring away ~~and in~~ - ~~_____~~ Time of 13 minutes 33 seconds - a new record for the meeting.

Soon after, a terrific roar greeted the Marathon leader - Sgt. Bill ^{McMinnis} ~~McMinnis~~ - who had pulled away from his two rivals just before reaching the stadium...

40 YEAR OLD R.A.F. SERGEANT

After twenty-six miles - the ~~_____~~ makes light work of two laps of the track and he wins by one hundred yards - in two hours twenty-six minutes. twenty-two seconds.

~~_____~~ Well-earned congratulations from Jim Peters, and the presentation of the coveted trophy ~~_____~~