

25,000 see Wonder Mile run at Santry 4 BREAK WORLD RECORD

TWENTY-FIVE thousand people saw the mile of the century at Santry Stadium, Dublin, last night as four men broke the world record in the most fabulous race of all time. The record was 3 minutes, 58 seconds, set up by John Landy of Australia in 1954.

In this wonder mile Australia's Herb Elliott returned the almost unbelievable time of 3 mins. 54.5 secs. He was followed by Merv Lincoln in 3 mins. 55.9 secs. Ireland's Ron Delany was third, in 3 mins. 57.5 secs. — his best time yet.

Halberg of New Zealand, with the same time as Delany's was fourth and the fifth man in this record-shattering race was A. Thomas of Australia in 3 mins. 58.6 secs.

Never before have five men broken four minutes in the same race.

Breathtaking

For most of the race Elliott set the breathtaking pace. Immediately he breasted the tape it was obvious Delany was bitterly disappointed. However, within minutes his spirits were revived when it was announced that he too had broken the world record.

Conditions for the race were ideal and the track was in perfect form.

Elliott, as fresh as a daisy, said immediately after the official result and time were

announced that he had not set out with the intention of breaking the world record.

"I merely wanted to win. It was all I had in my mind," he said.

Congratulations

When the tumultuous cheering had subsided, the Minister for External Affairs, Mr. Aiken, heartily congratulated the five men and, over the loudspeaker, said that he was pleased to have witnessed such an athletic spectacle. He congratulated victor and vanquished.

W. Agostini of Canada broke the 100 yds. Irish all-comers' record, in 9.5 secs. The record had been held jointly by three men at 9.6 secs.

C. Porter of Australia broke the Irish all-comers' high-jump record when he cleared 6 feet 7 inches.

Delany comment

Ron Delany said in his dressingroom: "I knew I had run faster than ever before and I was dying to know what the others were doing. I was more

Tie his legs —Delany

After the race Ronnie Delany said:—

"I stayed behind Elliott as best I could but Herbie just kept going faster and faster and I could not keep up with him. There is only one way that I can see of stopping him and that is to tie his legs."

than pleased at my time, which was my best ever. It was a wonderful race to run in."

Asked if he thought anyone could beat Elliott, he replied: "If Lincoln keeps running, he might beat him." He doubted very much if they would meet again.

Ronnie intends to rest until his next outing at the European games in Sweden.

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FIVE SUB-FOUR MINUTE MILERS



RECORD BREAKERS. Five sub-four-minute milers together at Santry.