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As we all knew he would, Hawkeye, the sensitive surgeon, shot down J. R. Ewing, the ruthless oil tycoon.[PA]

Monday night's closing opus of "M-A-S-H" has officially broken all ratings records and replaces "Dallas" as the most-watched program in TV history [PA]

According to the A.C. Nielsen Co.'s national ratings, which were released Wednesday, the 2 1/2-hour "M-A-S-H" farewell had a national rating of 60.3 and was watched in 77 percent of all the homes in the nation in which a television set was turned on at the time.[PA]

CBS, which for 11 seasons carried the series about a U.S. Army hospital staff operating in the Korean War, says the Nielsen figures mean that about 125 million people watched at least part of the program.[PA]

"Dallas," another CBS series, had held the most-watched title since Nov. 21, 1980, when its "Who Shot J.R.?" episode drew a national rating of 53.3.[PA]