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Not even the rain and cold of late afternoon can destroy the glamour of the Boatrace. Old and young, everybody takes sides, and for one day in the year you're definitely Oxford or Cambridge. Even visitors get the fever. Spotting the winner is quite a bit easier than in the Grand National, but as the crews waited at the stake boats there was the usual speculation as to which would be first at Mortlake. Oxford, nearest the camera, won the toss and chose the Surrey side of the river. Right from the word Go, Cambridge ~~was~~ set a cracking pace. Not even the oldest rowing men could remember such smooth water. There was no wind, practically no

~~the racing was so slow that there would have been a tide running. At the normal training opportunities, a recent time might v g set.~~

~~no tide running.~~ Among the privileged few following the race in launches was film star Paulette Goddard, over here to make a picture.

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The Cambridge stroke Richardson set out to establish a commanding lead early on, to offset the advantage the Surrey station gave to Oxford. The Dark blues fell behind ~~and~~ *at Hammer Smith Bridge* were three-and-a-half lengths in front *at Hammersmith Bridge.* Even at this stage there was little chance that they could be seriously challenged.

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When Barnes bridge hove in sight it was only a question of by how much Oxford would be behind. As the much lighter crew the Dark Blues had suffered more than their opponents from the comparative lack of training resulting from recent bad weather. At Mortlake it was more like a procession than a race. Still far from exhausted, Cambridge were a good ten lengths in front when they passed the ~~finishing~~ post.

(after the crowd) Oxford were pretty well all in. To the surprise of many good judges they were outclassed from the beginning and never once looked like making a race of it. Cambridge had wiped out the stain of last year's defeat.