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~~Flying Tiger No. 1, Captain Spencer Smith of the Tank Corps, came over in a qualifying heat for the King's Cup Air Race. Another starter is Walter Bowles in a Miles Messenger - a heat-winner last year.~~

~~Over ten thousand~~ ^{SPECTATORS} watched the National Air Races - held, for the first time, ~~at~~ ^{AND HERE ARE SOME STARTERS FOR THE KING'S CUP RACE} Southend's Municipal Airport. ^{THE OCCASION,} But tragedy marred ~~Southend's day of aviation history,~~ when two Percival Proctors collided, while fighting for the lead. The crash resulted in the untimely death of ^{PILOT} John Crowther ~~in his first race.~~

The other pilot - Harry Turner (a London Garage Proprietor) completed the ten-mile circuit in his damaged craft ~~mainly by the evident relief of his wife.~~ But the show continued - and the first four in each of the three preliminary events, competed for the King's Cup - Britain's premier Air Racing Trophy.

Plane No. 45, flown by Miss Freydis Leaf (making her air-racing debut), and No. 39 Douglas Jemmett, a company director, come into land.

The winner was ~~Pat~~ Pat Fillingham in a Chipmunk - ~~the chief Production Test pilot of De Havillands - enjoying a busman's holiday - with his wife as a front-seat driver...~~

Lord Brabazon - Britain's veteran of flight - presented the famous trophy to Pat - and the miniature to his wife - for the sideboard.