

Perhaps because of the cold June weather, it was not a record crowd that came to Epsom to watch the one hundred and seventy-fifth race for the Derby Stakes - but quite a crowd - none the less. And famous old Epsom Downs were full of fur coats and hot tips - and jellied eels and all the fun of the fair for playtime - Hello, Playmate... (BRING UP)

Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh rode along the course with a party of many other members of the Royal Family - hoping, like so many thousands, for a Royal win on this first anniversary of the Coronation. The Queen was welcomed by the Senior Steward, the Earl of Rosebery. (BRING UP)

Before the big race, Her Majesty and members of the royal party went into the paddock to look over the runners. (BRING UP) There's Arabian Night, No. 6. And No. 5 is Never Say Die! (BRING UP)

No. 14 is Sir Percy Lorraine's Darius... (BRING UP)

No. 1 is the Queen's horse, Landau. Landau was to have been ridden by Sir Gordon Richards - but owing to the champion jockey's injury that privilege has gone to Willie Snaith. (BRING UP)

Not it's time to leave the Paddock as the twenty-two thoroughbreds go out for the parade - for the dear old Derby. Johnny Longden, the American champion jockey with his goggles, has a ride to-day on Blue Sail.. And here's the parade on the way to the start. Only a matter of minutes now - before that annual question mark becomes the annual exclamation mark: the winner becomes a racing legend and the owner receives a cup and nearly £17,000. (BRING UP) Any minute now(BRING UP)

And it's a goodstart! MOONLIGHT EXPRESS well away - ALPENHORN, ROWSTON MANOR, BLUE SAIL, FERRIOL all well placed. In the early part of the race, the lead changed over more than once - but Rowston MANOR, ALPENHORN, DARIUS, LANDAU and BLUE SAIL were all near the front. (BRING UP)

Now the gypsies' fancy L'AVENGRO was among the leaders with ROWSTON MANOR, ALPENHORN, DARIUS, ELOPEMENT - BLUE SAIL'S dropped back and FERRIOL'S losing ground. (up with the best)

DERBY (SHEET TWO)

Up w with the best is the Queen's horse LANDAU , going strongly.(BRING UP)
 Coming down . towards Tattenham Corner, it's LANDAU, ROWSTON MANOR, DARIUS.
 - ARABIAN NIGHT'S come up - and ELOPEMENT. But now watch that fellow on
 the outside lying about fifth. It's No. 5 Never Say Die with young Lester
 Piggott standing up in the stirrups - watch him come up and pass the
 leaders., (BRING UP)

Into the straight NEVER SAY DIE has gone with a comfortable lead after
 that mighty burst. Flat out after him come Arabian Night and Darius
 battling for second place - but they're never going to catch the flying
 NEVER SAY DIE. Yes, it's NEVER SAY DIE two lengths the winner....

ARABIAN NIGHT second - a photo finish neck in front of DARIUS.(BRING UP)

And now - in slow motion watch that finish once more. NEVER SAY DIE, the
 unconsidered outsider romping home at 33 to 1. Arabian Night second,
 Darius third, Elopement fourth - Narrator fifth... (BRING UP)

So the Cup for 1954 goes to America - for Never say Die is owned by
 American R.S. Clarke... The winner ran a beautiful race and he was ridden
 with skill and judgment by young Lester Piggott. (BRING UP) And there
 were special-y warm congratulations for his veteran Newmarket trainer -
 Mr J. Law son... (BRING UP)

But - w hat a turn-up for the book. Thirty-three to one. Look at
 the people all round - who didn't back him. Never Say Die? Couldn't
 Care Less! (BRING UP)