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Windsor: European Horse Trials

In Windsor Great Park, Miss Pat Smythe on "Tosca" competed in one of the Show-jumping events - that supported the European Horse Trials..the three day test of skill and endurance.

The Queen, headed a happy family party that watched the ~~jumping~~ trials with keen interest...

And here, at the end of the crowded second day, Prince Charles and Princess Anne, leave for home ~~in a private car~~.

The Trials were held, in the Park, at the invitation of the Queen, and brought strong team-entries from four continental countries and Ireland. At the water splash - one horse didn't want to get his feet wet; but he finally took the plunge.

On this day of the "speed and endurance" section, there was again much Royal encouragement. ~~The~~ The British team - the European title-holders, entered this phase with a heartening lead.

In this section, riders had to cover <sup>over</sup> nineteen miles and thirty-four testing obstacles in an hour and three-quarters - and here's one that refuses to go any farther...

It's Lt. Arthur of Crookham, Hants, on Killultagh and ~~the~~ <sup>THE</sup> fourth refusal meant disqualification.

Here you can see the tough nature of this trial. <sup>Notice</sup> how the ground ~~falls~~ falls away on the landing side - and the rider, too, Mr Coliat of Wiltshire... (2)

So - in a Royal setting ~~many~~ <sup>after</sup> many months of hard training ~~let the star~~ <sup>as a result of</sup> horse and rider as they prove their skill, courage and endurance...