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Henley Regatta

1st July 1955

To the cool charm of a lovely riverside setting, add the gaiety of Boat Race Saturday, and the result is the Henley Royal Regatta - the "Escot" of the Rowing World.

Among the crack oarsmen of ten countries were a familiar Russian pair, Bukdakov and Ivanov (nearer the camera) last year's winners of the Silver Goblets - who were defending their title.

In this ~~heat~~ heat, they met R.J. Smith and J.C. Freeth of Maidenhead Rowing Club - and won easily, in eight minutes twenty-six seconds.

~~THE RUSSIANS HAD BEEN USING BORROWED BOATS, THEIR OWN HAVING BEEN HELD UP BY THE DOCK STRIKE.~~

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One of the beauty spots of Henley is Phyllis Court, ^{whose} ~~and from~~ the spacious lawn ^{overlooked} ~~is~~ one of the most thrilling races of the whole regatta...

In the ~~next~~ quarter-final of the Thames Cup, the R.A.F. and the lightweight crew of Pennsylvania University battled it out neck and neck... ~~The~~ ^{by four feet...} result was a dead-heat. Later, the R.A.F. won the re-row. ~~and~~

In the Grand Challenge Cup, the Vancouver Rowing Club (the Gold Medalists in the recent Empire Games) met the Soviet Eight for a place in the Final

At the start, the Russians forged slowly ahead - but at the end of the one mile, five hundred and fifty yard course - it was Vancouver - over a length up and rowing in to victory...

A sporting gesture from the Vancouver boys - typifying the true spirit of Henley...

And our congratulations to Canada's rowing ambassadors - ^{worthy finalists} ~~what~~ for the Blue Riband of Henley....