

After seven years of reconstruction, Ascot was deprived of its traditional June meeting by the rail strike.

The spacious new lawns waited in vain for the fashionable gathering - and it was a month before the new Entrance Gates opened on the glories of Royal Ascot. This "new look" is a triumph for Sir John Bulteel - Clerk of the Course - who tells us about the new straight mile. SOUND.

So - for the first time in living memory - the Royal Meeting opened in Mid-July, and summer graced the occasion - with the hottest day of the year - so far - picnic luncheons were taken early (before racing began) - and the two-year-olds entered for the Nursery Stakes - one of the new amenities of the course.

Then the arrival of the Queen (accompanied by Princess Margaret) set the seal of the greatest week of racing in Turf history.

In the Paddock, Her Majesty had a work with jockey W.H. Carr - who was unplaced on her colt, Sierra Nevada in the St. James's Palace Stakes. Next race was the Ascot Stakes; but let's leave Romney Legend and the Parade and look at the fashions.

There's Lady Docker with Sir Bernard.. ^{glimpse} ~~glimpse~~ of lovely summer creations in a garden party setting.

Now interest switches back to the serious business of the day - and, in the Royal Box - the Queen eagerly awaits ~~the start of the~~ the start of the Ascot Stakes.

At the tapes - a field of fifteen face the starter in this topclass handicap for three year-olds and upwards...

And - away they go - galloping down the new straight mile - with two and a half miles to go... 3

Past the stands for the first time - Crossmount is the willing pace-maker - leading from Palace Guard....Corydalis....and Manas....then comes the pack...

An unusual head-on view as they swing round into the finishing straight.. A close race - ^{any one} ~~any one~~ of half a dozen can come away and win...

And what a race it is.....First ^{NO 5} ~~Manas~~ Romany Air goes to the front.... Then ^{NO 4} ~~Little Cloud~~ Little Cloud, with Lester Piggott up, ~~the~~ ^{then} takes over - ~~with~~ ^{then} four or five - Prescription, Romney Legend, Wildnor and Manas all coming fast....

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Slowly ~~the~~ Prescription, the Cup horse, forges ahead; but the others peg him back and right on the post ^{ON THE OUTSIDE} No. 16 Wildnor - gets up to win by a neck..with Romney Legend third.

~~One of the most exciting Ascot finishes for years....~~ One of the most exciting Ascot finishes for years....

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After the storm - the enclosure/sadly forlorn as one more event was held. Then, learning of the extent of the disaster, the Stewards postponed the other races...

By a strange co-incidence, a similar storm occurred ^{with fatal results} during the Royal Ascot meeting of 1930 • ~~where one man was killed.~~