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Sandown Park: Big race test for Grand National hopes, with Must, who centered home at Cheltenham. The Queen Mother's Devon Loch - already winner of two races this season. No. 6, Wise Child, the hope of the North and Four Ten - among the runners for the Mildmay Memorial Chase.

Gracing the meeting, the Queen Mother chats to Bryan Marshall, (who's riding Devon Loch), and there's Goosander, another strong National fancy.

A large crowd watched the field of ten get away - not only in search of an Aintree hope: but also, to pay tribute to the memory of that fearless amateur rider and sportsman, Lord Mildmay.

A thrilling finish as Linwell and Devon Loch take the last fence just ahead of ~~Must~~ ^{MUST}, with Wise Child coming up fast. And it's Linwell, in the centre, racing on to beat the Grand National entries by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

An affectionate salute for Devon Loch (who finished third), ~~before the~~

The Royal Owner presents to R.J. Hamey, (the winning jockey), a miniature of the Challenge Trophy - subscribed by Lord Mildmay's riding friends - to keep his memory green.

Meanwhile, at ~~Peterborough~~ ^{PETERBOROUGH}, Olympic hopes were among the record field that got away in the Inter-County Cross Country Championship.

Thirty-four counties were represented - although one of the notable absentees from this gruelling seven mile race was Gordon Pirie - the winner in 1952...

Three hundred and two runners: but by half-way, the race had developed into a duel between Ken Norris ^{of} Middlesex, the holder, and Peter Driver, the Empire Six Mile Champion. The better finishing speed of Driver won the day, ~~by a hundred yards~~.

But after 21 years, Middlesex regained the team-title.

At Twickenham, England (in white) kicked off - and the Rugby world wondered how the experimental English side, (with ten new caps), would fare against the fire and fervour of an experienced Welsh fifteen.

The answer was not long in coming. Thompson beat off a challenge and kicked ahead. Skipper Eric Evens followed up: but a Welsh defender just got there first...