

Aintree prepares for another chapter in the century-old Grand National story as Mrs Topham, the Chief Administrator, checks safety measures at formidable Becher's Brook.

Ready to house the 1956 big race hopes, the stables revive ~~these~~ ^{thrilling} memories of a gallant company of chasers who have carved their names on Aintree's

Roll of fame. ~~REYNOLDSTOWN 1955 & 1936~~ 1957 - ROYAL MAIL ~~1946 - LOVELY COSTAGE~~
1955 - QUARE TIMES. ^{this year}

Now let's try and find a horse for the course. Here's No Response - a fine stayer, who recently ran second at Leopardstown. (2)

And Mr Linnett - who jumped well last year until beaten by the heavy going. (2)

One of three previous winners competing, Royal Tan ran his final trial in Ireland. But can his trainer, Vincent O'Brien, win the National four years running?

~~In the trial, Royal Tan carried the burden of twelve stone four and finished sixth... and remember, he finished the course again last year...~~

Training on the sands at Rhyl is, perhaps, the best outsider...

Pippykin. Carrying only ten stone, he may well run away with the race. (2)

Meanwhile, filming plans are complete ~~and this new camera stand will help to bring to the screen, the finest jump-by-jump story of the world's greatest spectacle.~~ ^{To BRING YOU} GREAT RACE! (2)

~~So there you are~~ ^{This, the} ~~the~~ most thrilling sporting event of all - ~~that~~ can only be seen at Aintree, or ^{ON} ~~in~~ your cinema ^{SCREEN} ~~theatres~~ - filmed by the world's greatest team of cameramen.