

Sweden: Despite the bad weather, the Queen (who had been joined on her private visit by Princess Margaret and the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester) was an enthusiastic follower of the Olympic Three-Day Event.

Chief interest, of course, centred around the British team which, by winning the dressage test, started the toughest section of all, the twenty-one <sup>MILE?</sup> Endurance Phase, with a valuable lead.

Twelve fences and over thirty obstacles had to be negotiated - and here, Koechlin of <sup>SWITZERLAND</sup> ~~Sweden~~ finds it tough going.

Besides endurance, this was a trial of speed, too, so this fall by Cavaleiro of Portugal ~~resulted in an unfortunate fall but~~ the loss of precious points and seconds.

Here's Col. Frank Weldon, (the British Captain) on Kilbarry; ~~he~~ <sup>he</sup> moved up into third position in the individual placings - following a great effort that provided some striking action-photography for the Queen.

Eighteen countries were still in the running at this stage; ~~but~~ Gmur of Switzerland nearly came to grief at the stream. Canada's James Elder on "Colleen" sailed over it like a bird.

Jump 22 - (a fearsome rail and ditch) - proved an <sup>unpleasant</sup> ~~unpleasant~~ resting-place for Fanion, ridden by Carlos de la Serna of ~~the~~ Argentina. The Queen's horse, Countryman III, also came a cropper here: but he too, gallantly continued the course.

Another Swiss horse, "Erlfried" clears one fence in grand style - then decides that he has done enough. ~~But~~ <sup>But</sup> this is a test of endurance.

His rider, Roland Perrett, puts him to the fence again - and the result is a sickening fall.

And if there was a gold medal for courage - Perrett would surely qualify - as he staggers to his feet - and continues the arduous round.

At this point, the three-man British team of Colonel Weldon, Major Rook and Bertie Hill received heartening Royal encouragement - especially Countryman, ridden by Hill, whose brave effort, (despite a heavy fall), delighted his ~~owner~~ <sup>owner</sup>.

But, for the horses, the exhausting test by day, was followed by a trial at night, as part of the Olympic stables caught ~~the~~ fire.

One by one, the horses were led to safety - including some of Britain's most famous ~~SMW-~~ jumpers.

Only eight countries had qualified for the final ~~PHASE~~ <sup>PHASE</sup>, the showjumping. Britain was still leading, followed by Germany and Canada.

Here, twelve ~~challenges~~ <sup>jumps</sup> had to be negotiated, and again, ~~by~~ superb horsemanship was demonstrated. A Soviet rider, Valerian Kouibychev, recovers his rein whilst in action.

In the Royal Box, the Queen was again delighted by the performance of Countryman who, though nervous after his night ordeal, conceded very few faults.

Amid rising excitement, Colonel Weldon was the final competitor. And, for him, a faultless round would have meant the ~~Gold~~ <sup>Individual</sup> Gold Medal.

~~But~~ <sup>BUT</sup> two minor faults marred the performance. Colonel Weldon and Kilbarry finished third - but Britain had won the team event.

~~A great moment as Lord Burghley, Olympic representative, presents the individual award to Colonel Weldon....~~

~~and amid thunderous cheers, she presents the first Gold Medal of the 1956 Olympic Games to a great British rider.~~

~~Amid thunderous cheers, Britain wins her first Gold Medal of the 1956 Olympic Games - and her first victory in the three-day event.~~

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A proud moment for Colonel Weldon as he receives the bronze medal, ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> a prouder moment ~~was to come~~ <sup>STILL</sup> as from Lord Burghley, he receives

Britain's first Gold Medal of the <sup>1956</sup> Olympic Games ~~at~~ on behalf of his team. ~~This~~ Britain's first victory in the Three-Day Event,

~~THANKS~~ to a great riding trio...