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Royal Ascot on Gold Cup Day - a midsummer setting for high fashion and top-class racing. Yes, for over two centuries, the new season's fashions have graced the well-kept lawns, adding feminine charm to the Sport of Kings. ASCOT ALSO HAS THE "FAMILY HOLIDAY"

~~Of course, there are those who have come to see the racing, and~~  
ATMOSPHERE OF EPSOM DOWNS. WHILE  
~~though not equal to the popular appeal of Epsom - this picnic scene is~~  
a reminder that Goodwood is on the way....

The previous day, racegoers had cheered the Queen's second Hunt Cup triumph, and hopes ran high as Her Majesty talked to jockey Carr, (rider of her Derby colt Atlas) in the King Edward the Seventh Stakes. But the colt was not placed..

With the proud title "Champion Stayer of Europe" at stake - France reserved her strongest challenge for the <sup>2 1/2 MILE</sup> Ascot Gold Cup - five runners in a field of ten...

~~At the start~~ Right from the start, M. Boussac's ~~colt~~ Macip sets the pace.

A thrilling moment as they watch the field head-on - at the turn into the final straight. And what a race!

Macip has led all the way - and now - two fancied French rivals - Bewitched the Third and Clichy, are making their challenge. The British hopes are already dropping back...

~~Macip~~ Coolly ridden by 18 year-old Serge Boullenger, Macip, (trained by our old friend Charlie Elliott) runs on in gallant style - a pillar-to-post winner by 1 1/2 lengths. And M. Boussac wins his fourth Gold Cup.

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