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This year, the Clerk of the ~~Weather~~ weighed in with perfect ~~weather~~ to grace the opening ~~of~~ of the Royal Ascot meeting.

In glorious sunshine, the Royal carriage procession made its way up the lush green course... The Queen (fresh from her Epsom triumph) with other members of her family, was carrying on a Royal tradition, inaugurated by Queen Anne - over 240 years ago...

So, to Ascot might be applied Shakespeare's ~~lines~~ lines:

"Age cannot wither her - nor custom stale her infinite variety"

And variety there certainly was - in the racing, in fashion, and the weather, as a sudden storm sent the fashionably dressed company scudding for shelter...

But soon under smiling skies the fashion parade was resumed. "But Oh! They're racing!"

And here they come - up to the final bend - with Bobbee leading the field in the Ascot Stakes - amid Royal encouragement.

BUT IN ~~that punishing straight...~~ ~~with a...~~ ~~runner the second chassey,~~

it's a long-priced outsider No. 24 Bonhomie that races away with that £2,800 prize - ^{WINNING} ~~to win~~ by four lengths.

First big race-success for young apprentice Michael Hayes - and for owner Mr. J. E. Wood - a right Royal Ascot..