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Royal Ascot : ~~and summer setting for high fashion~~

~~and~~ and enjoying the thrills of Gold Cup day, The Queen leads a family ^{PARTY} gathering to the paddock. ^{5/6}

After admiring her two-year-old colt Pall Mall (a runner in the New Stakes) Her Majesty was, no doubt, assured by jockey W.H. Carr that stable hopes were high. ²

So to an exciting moment - as the Royal Party watch jockey Harry Carr swoop past the leaders in the final furlong - to bring Pall Mall home - a clear length winner. ^{17/13}

A second Ascot triumph for Her Majesty that strengthens her position as the season's leading owner...

~~Then~~ Then followed happy congratulations from the Queen Mother, and every grey topper was doffed in salute as Pall Mall was led in...

In the Unsaddling Enclosure - trainer Captain Boyd Rochfort shared the pleasure of victory - for the colt was bred in the Royal Stud, at Hampton Court. ^{19/5}

In the Gold Cup, Royal hopes loomed high, when Atlas (on the rails) led British, French and Italian rivals into the final straight.

However, Zarathustra (No. 8) soon took over command... But watch Tissot ¹⁰ (the Italian favourite) coming with a great burst on the rails.

Urged on by Lester Piggott, ~~Zarathustra~~ Zarathustra galloped on resolutely - to hold off French and Italian challengers ~~it~~ and captured the £11,500 prize... ^{20/4}

And all Ascot shared the tribute to a great Irish-bred champion and to wonder-jockey, Lester Piggott... ⁶

After galloping two-and-a-half miles, Zarathustra decided it was time to stop... ¹⁰

But ~~with his~~ ^{led by his} Irish owner, Mr Terence Gray - he took his place of honour in British Turf history... ¹⁶

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