

HENLEY REGATTAFESTIVAL OF THE RIVER

The quiet English riverside at Henley is still the venue for the world's best oarsmen, content in this age of machinery, to match muscle against muscle.

In the race for the Stewards Challenge Cup, Hollarup overtakes Leander. Handicapped by a bent rigger when their boat struck a boom, Leander can't make up the five lengths they lost, and the Danes stroke on to victory four lengths ahead.

Bad show, chaps. What's next?

In the final for the Grand Challenge Cup, America meets Holland, who scored a surprise victory over Leander in the semi-finals. In spite of this, Harvard are favourites. They started training last September, and their expert style pleases the critics, as they drive forward to win by a length and a quarter.

17 years ago, the Diamond Sculls trophy left England. Now, A.D. Rowe meets R. van Mesdag of Dublin in a nine minutes, eleven seconds struggle to bring it back.

Rowing easily, the Briton keeps his lead, and brings the trophy home with three lengths in hand. A good day's sport, and although five trophies went abroad, it's nice on occasion to say "Good Show."