

FESTIVAL STAKES

There's a hundred thousand at Ascot to see the Festival Stakes, richest race ever run in Britain, and a certain gentleman's ears must be burning as half England discusses COLONIST's chances. The King (who is unable to attend) and the Queen have added a trophy to the £25,000 for which nineteen of the best horses in Europe are competing.

The mile-and-a-half is a little short for COLONIST. Home-loving TANTIERE arrived by air a few hours ago. Britain's main hope is Derby winner ARCTIC PRINCE. He's favourite and what the tie-tac gentlemen are saying I just wouldn't know.

It's a fairish start but Piggott on ZUCCHERO isn't away too well. Lord Derby's MOSSBOROUGH jumps into the lead as they go out into the country.

As they turn into the straight it's still MOSSBOROUGH, but they're all there with a chance. COLONIST, ARCTIC PRINCE, HELLE OF ALL - it's going to be a terrific finish. Now COLONIST is moving up; he's gaining on MOSSBOROUGH as Tommy Gosling makes his effort. He's just in front but now SUPREME COURT and ZUCCHERO are coming with a terrific run. Lester Piggott's riding the race of his life but Charlie Elliott's in front. Unbeaten Supreme Court, left out of the classics by mistake, answers Elliott gamely. They're racing almost neck and neck, but at the post it's SUPREME COURT, British born and trained, first by three-quarters of a length.

A wedding anniversary gift from her husband to Mrs. Lilley, SUPREME COURT and Charlie Elliott bring home £25,000 to gild the Lilley fortunes.