

CHEL TENHAMROYALTY ATTEND GOLD CUP

At Cheltenham, the parade is on for the race of the day, the Gold Cup. It's cold and misty, but the Queen and the Queen Mother spend some time inspecting the runners. LANVEOC POUIMIC, and Tim Molony's Irish mount KNOCK HARD make for the start. Leaving the paddock, the Royal guests walk to the grandstand.

HALLOWEEN makes his way to the tapes. Only a few moments to go. The field's in line - and they're off! Three miles and two furlongs of really tough jumps lie ahead of them. There's not much in it as they come into the first fence.

They're all over safely. Past the stands this year's Grand National favourite, TEAL, is going well with the leaders. Into fence number two.

They're still all on their feet as they take the water jump.

Away they go into the country and up to the eighth fence. GALLOWAY BRAES, TEAL, KNOCK HARD and MONT TREMBLANT are all going well.

TEAL drops right behind as they take the last jump. KNOCK HARD is over first. Rene Emery on LANVEOC POUIMIC is in real trouble - and down he goes.

Up the final stretch towards the post, it's Tim Molony on KNOCK HARD romping home to a five-length victory over HALLOWEEN and GALLOWAY BRAES. Nine-year-old KNOCK HARD brings his owner, Mrs. Keogh, £3,000 - and the Cheltenham Gold Cup.