

SPORT

Henley's Royal Regatta once again provides a scene of typical English beauty. For Henley is more than just a place for rowing. Set against a glorious backcloth, it's a splendid stage for one of the most elegant social occasions of the year. But let's take a look at the sport itself. Here's the start of the Grand Challenge Cup Final. Leander, nearest camera, versus the French crew of the Union Sportive Metropolitaine.

From their punts, crowds watch the duel. Leander have drawn ahead and are going well.

And in comes Leander, leading by three quarters of a length, to score a fine British victory. The Frenchmen have had all they can take.

Apart from the glory of a Henley win, handsome cups and trophies go to the victors. Competing for the coveted Visitors Challenge Cup, is Magdalen College, Oxford, now leading from King's College, Cambridge.

Up towards the finishing post the dark blues hang on to their lead - and over the line they go, three and a half lengths in front of King's College. Henley has had quite a face lift in recent years; all the fun of the fair is here so whatever your taste, you're well catered for. Now comes the top event of the day: the Diamond Challenge Sculls with George of Belgium, nearest the camera, against Britain's Tony Fox.

Tony Fox, who won the same race here in 1951, takes it easy as he passes the post, four lengths in front of George. Once again, the Diamonds return to the old country, to add further lustre to the great victories scored by British oarsmen at Henley's Royal Regatta.

The Wimbledon singles final brings Denmark's Kurt Nielsen, on the left, and Vic Seixas of America together on the centre court. Nielsen serves.

Seixas, a master of every stroke in the book, slams 'em back at his opponent.