

KING'S CUP AIR RACE.

At Coventry Airport the 22nd King's Cup Air Race begins. Flying this Miles Messenger is Mr. Harold Wood, Blackburn and General Aircraft's Chief test pilot. There are fifteen entrants and Miss Freydis Leaf is the only woman taking part. She pilots a Miles Hawk Major.

The King's Cup Race was first flown in 1922, when the Cup was given by King George the Fifth. This year it is over four laps of a 17 mile circuit. Let's leave the race and look at the veteran's parade which is part of the programme. Fifty years of flying are represented. An old-timer of "world war one" is the little Sopwith Pup, with Lewis Gun.

The Bristol Fighter, one of the famous aircraft of the first world war. Three machine guns provided its armament. A 49 year old French single-seater is this Deperdussin, one of the fastest planes of its day.

The Bleriot Eleven - a monoplane of the type in which Louis Bleriot made the first Channel Flight. The changing pattern of aircraft in those years is portrayed.

Now the first home in the King's Cup Race - it's Harold Wood in his Miles Messenger. He flashes over the line 33 seconds ahead of all his rivals to win Britain's most coveted air trophy - the King's Cup.

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