

HEMLEY REGATTA.

So much for the road - and now for the river. At Henley, the weather's warm enough to melt the cold war as British, American, Russian and other crews meet in friendly competition.

These lads can't read Russian, but who cares? It's all in the day's fun.

In the stewards Challenge Cup, the holders, Russian club Krylia Sovietov, meet Britain's Leander crew. You'd never guess if you didn't know, but these coxswainless fours are steered by one man's foot; in the Leander boat, stroke does it, while the Russian give the job to bow.

Wiping out Leander's early lead, the Russians pull ahead. They finish in front by a comfortable margin, and the Stewards Challenge Cup goes back to Russia for another year. But Leander don't go away empty-handed - the winners present them all with red, and gold pennants after the race.

Now it's between Russia and Switzerland in the double Sculls. Burevestnik club, in the foreground, have a slight lead over the Grosschepper Club of Zurich.

And it's another Russian victory, but not so easy this time, only half a length in it.

Now everybody's keyed up for the big race of the day - the Grand Challenge Cup for eights. A North American final, this time, with Pennsylvania University leading Vancouver Rowing Club, Canada, by half a length.

A spot of encouragement to help them on their way. Yes, it's still Pennsylvania, reaping home with a third of a length in hand. Once upon a time Henley Regatta was a purely National event. These days are gone.

Oh well, that's that, and the sun's still shining. Feel like a spot of tennis, George?