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BRITAIN'S GOLD MEDAL.

Bertie Hill rides the Queen's horse Countryman III in the first stage of the most gruelling contest of the Olympic Equestrian Games at Stockholm - the "Three-Day Event". This competition includes dressage, a cross-country endurance test, and a show-jumping section. The British teem led by Colonel Weldon on Kilbarry, take the lead in the dressage, with Germany second. Next comes the endurance test, Here's Ernest Barker of Australia getting ready, and Switzerland's Samuel Koechlin, Barker starts away on Dandy.

Fethi Gurcan of Turkey, on Rih. Competitors must be ready for anything, for the course has been kept secret until the last moment.

The Queen's party includes Princess Margaret and the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester.

Argentina's Carlos de la Serna brings his mount Famion through the water obstacle and out the other side - just!

Barker of Australia again, doing empellently on Bandy.

Jonathan Burton of the U.S.A. on Mantingfield.

Otto Rothe of Germany on Sissi, at the rail jump. The Queen and her party watch earefully as Bertie Hill brings Countryman over the double bar.

Canada's Brian Herbinson on Tara - and taking the same fence, Juan Merbilhaa of Argentina on Gitana. The course has an incline or two - like this one being tackled by Rumania's Vasile Rimsiu, on Cabala.

R.A. Kinstilla of Finland, riding Lenera, nearly comes to grief at the deep water jump. So does Emil-Otto Gmuer of Switzerland, on Rouse, A brilliant German competitor is August Luetke-Westland, riding Trux von Kamax.

But when the second day is over, Colonel Weldon's British team are leading by an even bigger margin, and they face the final test — the show-jumping — full of confidence. Major Arthur Rock, on Wild Venture, is the first British rider to go around — and jumping beautifully, he lays a good foundation for his two team-mates, Colonel Weldon and Bertie Hill.

Now it's the turn of the Queen's herse, and Bertie Hill takes Countryman III round in perfect style.

That gold medal is almost in the bag - and when Colonel Frank Weldon crowns the team's efforts, it becomes a certainly. Show-jumping carned Britain's only gold medal in the last Olympies - but never

before have we won the three-day event, as tough a test of horse and rider as could be devised. Colemel Weldon just misses the individual first place, which goes to Swedish Sergeant Petrus Kastesman, on Illuster, with Germany's Luetke-Westhues second both by narrow margins.

Swedish girls in national custume carry the three teem awards to Lord Burghley, International Olympics Committee vice-president who makes the presentation. Then Colonel Weldon leads his team round the stadium. A fine victory for Britain, and we hope a promise of more to come!