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THE OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE BOAT RACE - The Battle of
the Blues on the Thames.

Picture.:- Good weather has favoured the three big sporting events this week !

There are Oxford going out, with the Cambridge crew--
--watching and wondering; but it's too early for the big crowds.

That's the start ! Cambridge has taken a slight lead ! They won the toss, and chose the Surrey side of the river. That means they're the nearest crew to me !

I have cut to Beverley Brook now ! Oxford is pulling back the Light Blues' advantage, and the pace is about 35 strokes a minute for Oxford - Cambridge a tiny bit slower, I think ! The Dark Blues are getting the lead now & Yes they have taken it !

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Getting up/Hammersmith Bridge, Cambridge has again pulled Oxford back and gained a quarter length. Cambridge is using slower but--

--more powerful strokes than Oxford. The Light Blues shoot under the Bridge nearly a length ahead, but there's not much in it yet ! Oxford is keeping steady !

They have reached Barnes Bridge, and Cambridge has increased her lead to about four lengths. Oxford is still working hard ! In fact there are no signs of excited rowing with either crew. They are pulling perfectly !

At Mortlake, near the White Hart, and getting near the finish, Oxford has definitely been left behind, and Cambridge has four lengths in hand.

They have passed the post, with a five lengths lead. Both crews worked hard.

The Oxford crew finish almost exhausted, but Cambridge seems comparatively fresh,--

--and have certainly proved the better of the two. They have now equalled Oxford's record of winning for nine successive years.