

Perhaps because of the cold June weather, it was not a record crowd that came to Epsom to watch the one hundred and seventy-fifth race for the Derby Stakes ---but quite a crowd, none the less. And famous old Epsom Downs were full of fur coats and hot tips --- and jellied eels and all the fun of the fair for playtime --X Hallo, Playmate!

Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh drove along the course with a party of many other members of the Royal Family --- hoping, like so many thousands, for a royal win, on this first anniversary of the Coronation. The Queen was welcomed by the Senior Steward, the Earl of Roseberry.

Before the big race, Her Majesty and members of the royal party went into the paddock to look over the runners. There's Arabian Night, No. 6 --- ~~xxxxxxxx~~ and No. 5 is Never Say Die.

No. 14 is Sir Percy Loraine's Darius

// No. 1 is the Queen's horse Landau. Landau was to have been ridden by Sir Gordon Richards --- but owing to the champion jockey's injury, that privilege has gone to Wille Snith.

Now it's time to leave the paddock as the twenty-two ~~xxxxxxxx~~ thoroughbreds go out for the parade --- for ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ flat race, the dear old Derby. Johnnie Longden, the American champion jockey with his goggles, has a ride to-day on Blue Sail. And here's the parade on the way to the start. Only a matter of minutes now before that annual question mark, turns into ~~xxxxxxxx~~ the annual exclamation mark ; the winner becomes a racing legend, and the owner receives a cup and nearly

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Any minute now

~~And it's a good start!~~ Moonlight Express well away,
--- Alpenhorn, Rowston Manor, Blue Sail, Ferriol, all well placed.

In the early part of the race, the lead changed over more than once -- but Rowston Manor, Alpenhorn, Darius, Landau and Blue Sail were all near the front.

Now ~~at the top of the hill~~ the gypsies' fancy L'Avengro, was among the leaders with Rowston Manor, Alpenhorn, Darius and Elopement --- Blue Sail's dropped back and Ferriol's losing ground. Up with the best is ~~the queen's~~

horse Landau, ~~is~~ going strongly

Coming down towards Tattenham Corner it's Landau, Rowston Manor, Darkus, --- Arabian Night's come up --- and Elopement. But now watch that fellow on the outside, lying about fifth. ~~He's No. 5.~~ Never Say Die with young Lester Piggott standing up in the stirrups. --- Watch him come up --- and pass the leaders!

ARABIAN NIGHT
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Into the straight -- Never Say Die has gone with a comfortable lead after that mighty burst. Flat out after him comes ~~Arabian Night~~ Darius WITH battling for second place --- but they're never going to catch the flying Never Say Die.

Yes --- it's Never Say Die two lengths the winner! --- Arabian Night second ~~xxx~~ --- a photo-finish neck in front of Darius.

~~A great many people were disappointed for the Royal Bank and the many thousands who wanted a royal win.~~ **AND NOW** But ~~here~~ in slow motion --- watch that finish once more. Never Say Die, the unconsidered outsider, romping home at 33 to 1. Arabian Night second, Darius third.

Elopement fourth --- Narrator fifth.

So the Cup for 1954 goes to America --- for Never Say Die is owned by American R.S. Clark.

~~Never Say Die~~ The winner ran a beautiful race and he was ridden with skill and judgement by young Lester Piggott. And there were specially warm congratulations for his veteran ~~trainer~~ trainer, Mr J. Lawson.

But --- what a turn-up for the book! 33 - 1! Look at the people all round --- who didn't back him! Never Say Die? Couldn't Care Less!