

Forgetting tennis for a while --- this is the time of year when glorious Henley comes into the news, as the headquarters of rowing on the River Thames. And here we welcome a crew from Russia --- the first Russian crew to come over for an English Regatta, for thirty years.

At first sight --- they look pretty good; and let's hope the soothing atmosphere of Old Father Thames, will help to create a friendlier feeling, ~~bet~~ between East and West.

~~And now~~ Now, for another strenuous sporting occasion --- here's the last lap of the Daily Express Tour of Britain Cycle Race. As they start from Bournemouth, they've already put thirteen hundred miles of ~~pedalling~~ ^{pedalling} behind them..... and the last stage, is Bournemouth to London. At this point, France were leading by roughly four minutes, in both the individual and the team race --- so it's a gruelling fight still. *M*

Now we're giving you a bird's eye view from the Evening Standard helicopter, as the teams race on towards the Alexandra Palace.

Start The winner of this final stage --- the end of one thousand, four hundred and thirty-three racing miles --- was Britain's Dave Bedwell. ~~He collapsed at the finish after a terrific last burst.~~

~~But~~ Here's Bedwell congratulating Tamburlini of France, who beat him on overall time over the whole race. A magnificent performance and a Continental win for the first time. ~~congratulations to the new Frenchmen.~~

Now --- football. For the England v Belgium World Cup match in Basle, the England team were the favourites. But if the England football team are ~~anybody's~~ favourites with the sports writers at home, they're the kind of best friends who won't tell 'em. Belgium scored first.

But here's veteran Stanley Matthews --- who, once again, was the hero of his side. England equalised, and went on into the lead; --- and fifteen minutes from time, they were leading three - one. And after all that --- the result at the end was a draw. *Still* --- it's better than nothing. ~~At Wimbledon we can't even draw at Wimbledon.~~