

Needless to say, fashion this year for Glorious Goodwood was dictated by the weather; and so, as it chose to produce a half a gale that made the trees bend like bamboo, women who were as smart as they looked, wore small hats. Blown out straight as a square of metal, the Royal Standard told us the Queen was here --- and Her Majesty's entry for the first race was Opera Score.. But Opera Score struck a wrong note, and didn't win.

The big race of the day was the Steward's Cup; and, despite the weather, the crowd waiting to watch it was something like a record. On top of that, it was one of the biggest fields since the war. The race is for six furlongs.

Coming up the straight, the prominent horses were Live Spirit, Moonlight Express, Zanzara and Ashurst Wonder; and in a close finish it was the outsider Ashurst Wonder that managed to keep off the challenge of Moonlight Express to win by half a length, with Zanzara third.

On the following day the first race was the "Sussex Stakes". And this time the Royal Colours were worn by Willie Snaith. The entry from the Queen was Landau, who started favourite and finished favourite, too, with a popular royal victory.

Leaving the horses for the ponies, finds us watching the Duke of Edinburgh playing No. 2 in the Quarter Finals of the Junior Cup at Cowdray. His team was the Mariners, drawn against Cerinium. It was a fast and vigorous game --- and two players came off in a goalmouth exchange. The mariners side was captained by the Duke, who now has a handicap of three. But this time the opposition were triumphant --- winning their quarter-final by four goals to one.

The following day saw a return to ~~royal~~ royal duty. Accompanied by the Queen, Prince Philip was at Tangmere Air Station for his flight to Canada. Before the take off, Her Majesty had a chat with the escort of Meunties.

The Queen accompanied the Duke on board the plane for a private farewell, wishing him God Speed on his three weeks tour: Where he looked forward to a busy programme of events, in the great Dominion across the broad Atlantic.