

Adding to the normal interest of the 1956 Horse Trials at Badminton was ~~the fact that it was being used as a~~ practice held ~~event~~ by Britain's Olympic Team. Here is Pat Smythe, putting in a good round in the second day's ~~event~~ ^{PROGRAMME.}

And here is Colonel Llewellyn --- who captained the successful British team at Helsinki.

The Queen's horse, Countryman III, ridden by Mr Hill, gained full bonus marks. Members of the Royal Family had a farm-cart for a grandstand to watch the events; and, during the jumping --- notably while Countryman was at work --- Her Majesty was operating her cine-camera.

Here's one of the entries from Ireland --- Charleville

This is the British Olympic Training Captain ~~for~~ --- Colonel Weldon, ~~for~~

And here's Oyster Hill --- another entry from Ireland. It was a day in which ~~the~~ competitors showed the high standard of performance that we have come to expect; making it a happy occasion particularly for Queen Elizabeth, whose birthday fell on the last day of the meeting. Many happy returns!