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KING'S CUP.

Birmingham Airport renews an old favourite holiday sport - the King's Cup Air Race. Old-timer Tommy ROSE leads 35 daring air kings - plus one Queen - in this first test match in the sky for 11 years. Run as a handicap, it's a race for all comers. Popular fancy for the title is Group Captain Peter TOWNSEND - (flying a Whitney Straight) - entered by Princess Margaret.

15 planes qualify for the final. The oldest machine in the race - an 18-year COMPER SWIFT - holds its own with its bigger rivals as they thunder around the 20 mile course.

In a thrilling finish, a London glazier who learned flying in his spare time triumphs in the Blue Riband of the sky. Piloting a MILES GEMINI, John Somers averages 164 miles an hour to win the King's Cup.

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