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THE BOAT RACE:

Cambridge are heavy favourites at the start of the 102nd Boat race - and heavy is right - they can give the Dark Blues half a stone a man. Cambridge have the Surrey Station, and take an early lead, hoping to pull away on the long bend; but Oxford hang grimly on, striking faster than Cambridge in answer to the Light Blues' greater power.

As they come to Hammermith Bridge, Cambridge's lead is up to a length. This is where last year's race was all over bar the shouting, but do-or-die Oxford aren't going to let Cambridge steal a runaway victory this time.

Coming round to Chiswick Steps, the Light Blues creep ahead again to two and a half lengths, but they're fighting a crew that doesn't know when its beaten. At Duke's Meadows, Oxford have out the lead down to one and a half lengths, and it's no greater as they shoot Barnes Bridge. The Dark Blues are hanging on like terrorists after a rabbit.

Into the final stretch, and Oxford are actually creeping up. Only a length behind near Mortlake Brewery, and fighting every yard of the way!

The crowd's mad with excitement as both crews give everything they've got. Here's the finish coming up - Cambridge winning in the third fastest time ever - but only a length and a quarter ahead of Oxford, who by sheer courage have made it one of the most thrilling duels in Boat Race history!