

HAREWOOD HORSE TRIALS:

Many of the best riders in Britain and on the Continent completed at Harewood, historic Yorkshire seat of the Earls of Harewood. Michel Cochenet rode Hirondelets in the tough and spectacular Cross Country speed and endurance event. Mrs. J.A. Guinness weighed in before going round on her six-year-old gelding, Dapper.

Enthusiastically following the trials was the Princess Royal, mother of the Present Earl of Harewood. The Lake Jump, a severe test for horse and rider, was well taken by Mrs. Shrubsole, on Carry Annie.

Klaus Wagner's mount was less canny than Annie (or more cunning) and shed his load when the going was too difficult.

From Somerset, T.H.B. Nicholson did well on his bay mare, Jessie Bell but on the whole British riders didn't shine at the Trials. Shelia Wilcox prejudiced her chances by riding the inexperienced Airs and Graces. That brilliant German horseman, Ottokar Pohlmann was the winner of the Three Day Event. But however, disappointing the meeting was as a pointer to British hopes in the next Olympic Games in Rome, the Trials provided abundance of fine sport. And there's plenty of time for improvement on the home front before 1960.

At the end, the horses earned a refresher. A bit unceremonious, they love it.