

THIS BALL'S A RIOT.

At Grosvenor House it looked like an ordinary ball at first sight. Then it didn't quite.

The explanation? It was the Lord Taverners' Ball, to aid the National Playing Fields Association. Ronnie Waldman and Bernard Braden saw the beginnings of the grand motor race; Mr. Pastry among the ace drivers. Freddie Mills was another, and then there was Godfrey Evans. The Duke got them going in a Le Mans start.

Jack Hawkins wasn't the only one to be pretty well dumfounded when the winner was Mr. Pastry. He was himself.

COMETS FOR B.E.A.

Two Continental Comet Fours were at De Havilland's airfield, Hatfield, to be handed over to BEA, who have ordered seven so far. They were accepted by the Airline Chairman, Lord Douglas. Both for De Havillands and BEA this was a landmark. This order, and others for nearly 50 more, means profit for the makers, progress for the Airline. To Test Pilot John Cunningham, who's seen Comets through their troubles, it was a big day too. Lord Douglas said the jets would keep BEA in step with any competition. Speeds of more than 500 miles an hour, with 86 passengers, (or 102 with a different layout) will open a new era in flying. Next summer it won't be only tycoons who can go by Comet....