

OXFORD WINS BOAT RACE

Putney crowds saw Princess Margaret escorted by her fiance, arriving to see the Boat Race. Not since 1921 had a member of the Royal Family followed the race. As Mr. Armstrong Jones coxed the Light Blues ten years ago, the Princess may have hoped for a Cambridge victory as she settled down in the Cambridge launch the crews smartly got away.

Oxford are on the right. Winning the toss they unexpectedly chose the Middlesex station, and with their new type broad blades they were six-to-four favourites to repeat their win of last year. Cambridge supporters didn't mind the early Oxford lead they expected The Dark Blues to be ahead. Nearing Hammersmith The Oxford cox cleverly pulled over as close to Cambridge water as he dared. Cambridge held on but never looked like overtaking. Oxford had cause to be pleased with those broad blades.

Shooting Barnes Bridge Oxford were more than a length ahead, with the race in their pockets. 1938 was the last time the Dark Blues won for the second time running, so 1960 will be a year they'll remember; for there was no doubt about it now. This was it. In one second under 19 minutes - a good fast time - Oxford won, by a length-and-a-quarter.

Not even for the Princess could Cambridge quite manage to win. They joined in saying, Well rowed, Oxford.