

Moving among the crowd at Ascot was the familiar figure of an owner who counts an interest in horse-racing among activities too numerous to mention....Sir Winston Churchill --- whose horse Collusion was running in the Rosslyn Stakes. Collusion is a son of the former Prime Minister's famous horse, Colonist II. ~~^~~

And also walking among the racegoers with complete informality were Her Majesty the Queen and the Queen Mother, with the Duke of Norfolk. After the race for the Rosslyn Stakes, there was this chance meeting of the royal party and Sir Winston; and the Queen was able to congratulate the great old statesman, on Collusion's victory. ~~^~~

Then to the paddock, before the day's big race --- the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes. Favourite was the Italian horse Ribot --- never beaten in thirteen races; and here he goes, followed by the Queen's entry, High Veldt.

The Queen walked back to the royal box to watch the start --- and what a start it was. Or rather --- it wasn't. The Belgian horse Todrai dashed at the gate, unseated his jockey --- and went off round the course on his own. ~~^~~ In spite of this extra distance, Todrai came in third when the others joined in ~~xxxxxxx~~ for the real race. ~~^~~

Now they're lined up once again ~~^~~ and they're off for the mile and a half gallop that brings ~~^~~ in over twenty-three thousand pounds to the winner. ~~^~~

Coming round the bend into the straight, the question is whether Ribot can keep his unbeaten record. Todrai is well up and so is the Queen's horse High Veldt.....but Ribot produces ~~xxxxxxx~~ an electrifying burst of speed to win. ~~^~~

Fourteen times out --- and fourteen times winner. Ribot --- the wonder horse of 1956 --- is hailed as the best in the world. ~~^~~