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Aintree's wonderful steeplechase course for the Grand National of 1937. A ~~special~~ big crowd is present this Coronation year, and the weather is being especially kind, for Royal visitors are expected. Their Majesties the King and Queen, who were the guests of Lord and Lady Derby, arrived with their host to watch the race; We have pleasure in presenting these charming pictures of King George and Queen Elizabeth as they walked ~~in the park~~ among the crowds --- cheered by thousands of loyal and enthusiastic racegoers. It was the Centenary of the World's greatest steeplechase --- and the royal visit was a fitting celebration. Before the big race their Majesties chatted with H. Blackshaw, the jockey who rode Firestone for the King in the King George VI Stakes. / Then the parade --- and the curtain raiser to the biggest thrill of winter racing. Proud Golden Miller led --- and the old champion ~~Firestone~~ still had enough followers to make him favourite at 8 - 1. Royal Mail came next --- followed by What Have You, Cooleen and Ready Cash. A few moments before the start the Royal Standard fluttered above a box lined with red, white and blue flowers. / ~~on the~~ All well away except Misdemeanour, and the American Horse What Have You. Ready Cash leapt into the lead as they went up to the first jump --- closely ~~followed by~~ attended by Dryburgh, Pucka Belle, Ego, Didoric, Delachance --- and all the leaders got safely over but Don Bradman fell. His jockey remounted ~~him~~ and he was one of the only seven to finish. Ready Cash led over the second jump, and here What Have You and Blaze came to grief. /

Coming to Bechers --- one of the most fearsome jumps in the race. Ready Cash, Delaneige, Drim and Pucka Belle are in the lead. Now watch Drim, No 25, unseat his rider --- and it's Drim that goes all the way round on his own, to finish second. The Canal Turn --- Ready Cash was first over, with Drim, Pucka Belle, Delaneige and Dryburgh. Two casualties here. On to Valentine's --- Ready ~~Cash~~ Cash leading from Dryburgh, followed by Pucka Belle. Now see how Golden Miller went out of the race --- refusing at the same jump that ~~got him down~~ <sup>disgraced him</sup> two years ago. Jump No. 12 --- look here for an amazing incident --- a fall that had the most unfortunate results. The policeman who ran out to help lost his helmet --- Another policeman running out to pick it up caused another disaster. Coming on to the racecourse Pucka Belle is leading and Royal Mail has come into the picture. Royal Mail's jockey Evan Williams is wearing black with a white cap --- specially to make it easy for you to see him. Coming to the water jump only eleven are left in the running --- Pucka Belle leading from Royal Mail, Ego, Flying Minutes, Dryburgh, Delachance, Crown Prince, Keen Blade, Dawmar, Coolen, and last of all Don Bradman. Riderless Drim is still up with the leaders. All safely over the water jump --- and then Pucka Belle led the field past the royal box for the start of the second time round. And now watch Royal Mail move up into the lead. Bechers again --- Royal Mail ~~leads~~ in front --- Ego, Cooleen, Flying Minutes, Pucka Belle still hard at it. But from now on Royal Mail never lost his lead. Canal Turn again --- Delachance brought Beeby down a crash. Valentine's brought Flying Minutes down. ~~to stop~~. Jump No. 28 --- the same as twelve on the first time

round.

Here is the echo of the incident of the policeman's helmet.  
 On to the racecourse for the last time --- Royal Mail keeping just  
 ahead of that loose horse ~~Erin~~ --- with Pucka Belle, Cooleen and  
 Ego within striking distance. The last jump --- Royal Mail follows  
 by Pucka Belle, Cooleen and Ego. Into the straight now for a  
 terrific finish. ~~Royal Mail still keeping up his splendid~~  
~~form in the lead, but the riderless horse is causing a little~~  
~~anxiety to the official second.~~ Royal Mail coming along at a  
 spanking pace --- Evan Williams giving a beautiful display of  
 jockeyship. It's Royal Mail, owned by Mr Lloyd Hughes and trained  
 by Ivor Anthony, winning the Centenary Grand National by three  
 lengths --- Cooleen second --- Pucka Belle third. Only four others  
 finished out of thirty-three starters --- ~~Ego, Green Prince,~~  
~~Benmark and Don Bradman.~~ The crowd cheered a grand win as Royal  
 Mail was led in --- winner before a royal patron of the Turf in  
 this year of Coronation.

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Thirty three runners left the starting gate for the 1937 Grand National --- the Centenary of the World's Greatest Steeplechase. Misdemeanour was lwft but the rest of the field got away to a good start. Leading at the first jump were Ready Cash, Ego, Didoric, Tapinois --- with Pucka Belle, Delaneige and Delachance all well placed. The race ahead of them is four and a half miles --- four and a half miles of the most difficult chasing country ever planned.

This year the Aintree Course was honoured by the presence of His majesty the King, who watched the race as guest of Lord Derby.

The first half of the race has now been completed, and the field has thinned out sadly. Pucka Belle, Royal Mail, Flying Minute and Delachance are the leaders now ---- but Golden Miller, What Have You the American, and many others are out of the running $\frac{1}{2}$

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Royal Mail is leading the field in a terrific finish. ~~That~~ There's a riderless horse well up in front and he may prove a danger, but for the moment Royal Mail looks a certain winner. -- Yes, it's Royal Mail coming up to win by three lengths from Cooleen, with Pucka Belle a head third.

*Royal Mail is a most appropriate winner - for the first time this film of the race has been shown ~~with~~ <sup>each</sup> ~~with~~ again from London and shown to H.M. the King.*