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BOAT RACE.

Sunshine and half a gale of wind for the 90th Boat Race between Oxford and Cambridge. Last year Oxford won after losing 13 years running, and this revived interest in this great sporting race between Putney and Mortlake. Vast crowds have assembled on the towpath --- buying favours of light and dark blue.

Cambridge have won the toss and taken the Surrey bank. This will give them the advantage of the bends in the river and a calmer water. The Thames is so rough to-day the crews have football bladders underneath the seats. If they sink they can play water polo. After the off I'm handing over the commentary to John Snagge of the BBC, on board the ~~launch~~ launch Magician.