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The famous Beckhampton stable has done it again in the Derby. At Newmarket yesterday Owen Tudor turned the form book upside down by winning the second war-time substitute, Epsom's Classic. He started at 25 to 1 and beat Morogoro, one of his stable companions, and one of the most heavily backed horses in the race, by a length and a half. Firoze Din, a 100 to 1 chance, was third.

So little was thought of Owen Tudor's prospects by the stable that he carried Mrs. Macdonald Buchanan's second colours. His owner also ran Thoroughfare, who was wearing her first colours, and incidentally finished seventh.

Yet Owen Tudor won handsomely. This is how W. Nevett, his jockey, described the race to me: "I've never had such a lovely ride in my life. After we had gone five furlongs I felt very happy, and at the mile I knew I could take him to the front whenever I liked and go on to win."

STAYING POWERS

Actually Starwort led the field for a mile and a quarter. Then Nevett asked Owen Tudor for his effort. Morogoro, too, started to run at the same point and momentarily I thought Harry Wragg's mount would win the Derby in exactly the way I had anticipated. But going up the hill Owen Tudor proved his superiority as a stayer and there has rarely been a more convincing winner.

On the Guineas running Morogoro should, of course, have finished a long way in front of Owen Tudor, but the extra half-mile obviously suited Mrs. Macdonald Buchanan's colt much the better in a fast and truly run race.

There are no hard luck stories to tell about the race. Such colts as Sun Castle and Lambert Simnel failed because they did not stay the course. Devonian ran well to finish fourth and was followed by Starwort fifth, Royal Academy sixth and Thoroughfare seventh.

The race for the Oaks to-day should be won by Lord Glanely's One Thousand Guineas winner DANCING TIME. Her most dangerous rival may be Firle. To-day's selections:

12.45, Equipoise; 1.15, *Germanicus; 2.30, Dancing Time; 2.30, Winterhalter; 3, Gold Light.