

KNOCK HARD WINS GOLD CUP

30 At ~~the~~ Cheltenham, Ascot of Steeplechasing, the Queen was escorted by the Steward of the National Hunt Committee Lord Willoughby de Broke. Another royal race-goer all were glad to see was the Queen Mother. Big race of the day, ~~was~~ the Gold Cup, ^{is} sometimes a pointer to the Grand National. Among the fancied was 6-1 shot Teal. In the Irish contingent, always formidable at Cheltenham, was Mrs. Keogh's Knock Hard. In value as well as prestige the Gold Cup rates high, putting more than three-thousand-pounds into the pocket of the lucky owner. Twelve came under starter's orders.... Nothing to complain about in the start, // Three-miles-two-furlongs to go.

Teal, Arthur Thompson up, led over the first jump, and for a long way round justified those who were looking on him as a likely winner of the Grand National.

(glasses) Teal was still running beautifully, with ^{Galloway Braes} ~~Windsor~~ and last year's winner, Dorothy Paget's Mont Tremblant, bidding their time.

(crowd) Over jump 11, end of the first circuit, ^{Galloway Braes} ~~Windsor~~, was just ahead of Teal, but there was nothing in it, ~~Teal~~, E.S.B., Mont Tremblant and Rose Park equally in the running.

(glasses) At the last fence Dorothy Paget's second string Ianvecc Poulmic came over badly and unseated his rider.

^{this} By ~~the~~ time Teal ~~had found the distance too long, faded and~~ was right out of the picture.

In the last furlong, up hill after more than three-miles, Knock Hard was in front and unbeatable, Halloween second, Galloway Braes third, Mont Tremblant fourth.

Bravo to Knock Hard, Champion Jockey Tim Molony and good old Ireland.