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The Epsom Spring Meeting doesn't always get Spring weather, but this time ~~was~~ it was an ideal day for the Great Metropolitan Handicap. The famous race is worth about eleven-hundred pounds to the winning owner. *After one last-minute withdrawal 12 runners were left, all so well behaved that Mr. Marsh got them away without trouble, 2^{and-a-quarter}-miles stretching between them and the winning post.

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(next) The Spring Meeting lacked one familiar feature - there was no Gordon Richards. The Champion jockey is still on the injured list. So up on Norooz, ^{*W. Fawdon was a rider*} ~~owned by the Aga Khan~~ ^{*Aga Khan's*} was ~~the~~ Doug Smith. He had the horse well placed in the bunch as they made off into the country, nothing to choose at this stage between Norooz himself, Vidi Vici, Persetta, Siren Light and Mac Gin. And when they came back on to the race course the leaders were all there, ^{*all*} with a winning chance.

Persetta 7

(next) Norooz was in front, strongly challenged by Siren Light. It was now that R. Fawdon on Father Thames saw an opening and ^{*came*} ~~began to come through.~~

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Father Thames was going stronger with every yard he drew nearer the post, in no danger from his nearest rivals, Vidi Vici and Persetta.

So the 7-year-old Father Thames landed the big prize ^{*at*} ~~of~~ 100-8. Nothing to do now but take a light meal.