

CESAREWITCH.

This big Newmarket handicap is supposed to be the severest flat-racing test of the year, besides being hard to pronounce, and to put the lid on everything it was pouring with rain. But in spite of all this there was a big field of thirty-one ~~starters~~

They're off --- to a fairly good start. Tote Investor, Zeros, ~~African Lily, Memento~~ and Fet got well away, with Punch and Solar Bear ~~and New Belton~~ well placed. At the Bushes Fet took the lead, in front of Solar Bear on the rails, and it looked for a time as if Fet were going to achieve the impossible and win the Cesarewitch two years running. But then up came Punch out of the middle of the widespread field --- Sam Wragg is riding Punch and he times his challenge to a split second. Punch won by one length from Fet, with Solar Bear two lengths away third.