

CHELTENHAM*

The National Hunt Steeplechase is the Grand National of the Amateur jockey, and the weather gave them a grand day of glorious sunshine. The four-mile course at Cheltenham is picturesque but gruelling, nevertheless it attracted a big field of twenty-six runners. There were many notabilities ^{to be seen} ~~in the paddock~~ including Sir Walter Gilbey but his famous curly-brimmed hat had some tough opposition. They're off --- a good start got the whole of the cavalcade away in perfect formation and they charged the first jump without a single casualty. For a four-mile gallop the field kept amazingly well together and sixteen of the twenty-six finished the course. Every jump they took with unfailing ~~xxx~~ precision -- up with the leaders are Stalbridge Park, Young Mischief and St George II the Second. Rudolf IV is there too. Nearing the end of the long testing race there's still a whole squadron going strong and it's impossible to pick the likely winner. Once again the jump is taken in perfect style but now it's neck or nothing -- it's neck --- no, it's nothing! &

Coming up to the last fence St George II and Young Mischief are leading from Rudolph IV and Stalbridge Park, but the last two came up and now see a smashing finish --- almost a dead heat with three at the post. But St George II was ~~the winner~~ a head winner ~~from Rudolph with Stalbridge Park a long third.~~