

LINCOLN.

Wonderful weather for the first big race of the flat season --- the Lincolnshire Handicap --- crowds of racegoers out for the first leg of the Spring double. ~~There's a big field of twenty-seven starters going up to the post --- No. 6 is Phakos, so look out for him again.. They're ready at the start and --- they're off!~~ There's a big field of twenty-seven starters going up to the post --- No. 6 is Phakos, so look out for him again.. They're ready at the start and --- they're off! Quite a good start and the first to show is Apolle --- Squadron Castle, Phakos, Thankerton Galsonia and Consequential all well away --- Kyles of Minard and Zaimis well placed.

At the distance there's not much to choose --- it's a wonderful race ~~and~~ close as sardines in a tin. A straight mile --- --- it's a case of strength and speed with luck ruled out of the running. Phakos, Zaimis, Ticca Garí and Kyles of Minard all have a chance here.

Nearing the finish Phakos on the far rails begins to pull away from the crowd --- ~~he won by three-quarters of a length~~ --- and now see how he does it in slow motion. Phakos is favourite and ~~winner~~ although he is only to win by three-quarters of a length he has the race well in hand. His jockey Smith is riding him cleverly --- he has nothing to fear from his rivals. But it's a wonderful race and only slow motion can give you all its thrills. Phakos wins by three-quarters of a length from Zaimis, with Kyles of Minard a head away third.