

THE DERBY

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The big crowd at Newmarket to see this year's substitute Derby, included quite a number of Service Men and Women - and who wouldn't wish a Waaf-corporal luck in her choice.

Ten thousand people are "on their toes" as the horses leave the paddock. Twenty-three thoroughbreds at odds ranging from six-to-one to a hundred-to-one, so its a case of take your choice and pay your money....Favourite is "Way In" with "High Chancellor", "Merchant Navy", "Kingsway" and "Pink Flower" close up in the betting. The Aga Khan's "Nasrullah" is behaving himself and consequently attracts a lot of last minute money.

They're away ! A good start ! We'll leave them while they sort themselves out.

There's over five thousand pounds at the winning post - a mile and a half from the start, and that's chicken feed compared with the thrill and glory of winning this greatest of all classics.

Umiddad in the lead with Nasrullah coming along on the outside. Merchant Navy and Pink Flower there. Tommy Carey's saving Straight Deal right up to the last furlong....Booby Trap is last.

Now it's Nasrullah, Umiddad, Straight Deal, Persian Gulf and Kingsway...Carey cleverly gets a grand extra burst of speed out of Straight Deal, putting him into the lead at just the right moment. And that's it ! A thrilling finish. Straight Deal by a head from Umiddad - Nasrullah. Hard luck Missie ! You're not the only one. Try picking the winner with a pin next time - or use a fork if you want first second and third.

Straight Deal gives Miss Dorothy Paget her first Derby win, and

Tommy Carey his first classic success. Straight Deal's trainer, Walter Nightingall, too, registers his first Derby Victory. Altogether a triumph for Derby novices - Well, that's one more Derby Day gone - but it was a real thriller and gave the crowd a Straight Deal all right !

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