

YOYO WINS GREAT MET.

Bright sunshine and perfect racing weather usher in the Epsom Spring Meeting, and the course is packed as the money goes on for the Great Metropolitan. Lord Roseberry's Yoyo, ridden by Australian Billy Cook, is strongly fancied. So are Yoyo's Newmarket conqueror, BIRJIK, and last year's Met. winner, NOW OR NEVER.

Thirteen horses are at the gate for the long, twisting course ahead.

They're away to a good start, the handicap favouring NOW OR NEVER, and the sharp course just the test that brings out the best in champion jockey Gordon Richards.

Three furlongs out, it's NOW OR NEVER in the lead. The pace is terrific and BIRJIK is challenging strongly.

Round Tattenham Corner and into the straight, it's BIRJIK and NOW OR NEVER making the running; and here's where YOYO makes his sensational bid. Unequal to the stamina of BIRJIK and YOYO, NOW OR NEVER begins to fade as Billy Cook starts to bring Lord Roseberry's horse up with the leaders. Two furlongs from home - YOYO (nearest the camera) turns on the pace. The 3-year-old hangs to the left, forcing BIRJIK from the middle of the course to the rails... ..

Now it's BIRJIK and YOYO in a neck-and-neck duel - the closest Great Met finish in years. NOW OR NEVER is 6 lengths behind as YOYO finds the extra burst for a neck win - and Billy Cook's first Big Race success.