

WAITER WINS IN A DE CANTER

At Chiswick Polytechnic Stadium waiters prepare to demonstrate how speedily they can deal with a course. Occasion is the 2nd Annual London Waiters Race. Contestants wear their working clothes and carry a tray, a bottle and a glass of champagne. Lined up at the start they get a taste of what it's like to be kept waiting - wait for it! Madams, allow us.

Main requirement for these contestants is a steady hand, as spilling disqualifies. The race soon becomes a duel between 17-year-old Harold Griver and Pierre Gironde, this year's winner of the traditional Paris Waiters' race. A last-minute spurt by Griver ends in a spill, giving victory and an outside noggin to the Frenchman.