

THE ST. LEGER

Town Moor on Leger day and all Yorkshire and a few others are there to solve a problem they've been tackling since 1776. He's come from Paris for a killing: maybe on all-conquering Rae Johnstone, who's won three classics this year. Gordon has already won five Legers. Johnstone's up and there goes Eph Smith on SANLINEA and they're on their way to the start as the Princess Royal watches.

From a good start Doug Smith on Lord Derby's SATURN soon takes up the running and MIEL ROSA, pacemaker for the favourite VIEUX MANOIR joins him.

Round the first turn and the order's the same, with the favourite and SCRATCH lying handy.

Into the straight SATURN and MIEL ROSA still lead, but Laumain is getting to work on the favourite. Now VIEUX MANOIR is forging ahead to go into the lead, with Johnstone on SCRATCH apparently out of it.

But Johnstone's never out of it till the race is over and here he comes fairly setting SCRATCH alight in one of his finest finishes, to beat the favourite a length, with the British SANLINEA third.

And SCRATCH wins another £11,000 for ... Guess who! The man they run the classics for, Monsieur Bouszac. All SCRATCH gets is a kiss.