

THE LINCOLN HORSE RACE

Tragic sensation of the Lincoln - first big betting race of the season - is that brilliant young Lester Piggett with a collar-bone broken when his mount fell in the first race, is out of the big race. With last-minute bets pouring onto French favourite "Astromeite," Gordon Richards' mount "Masked Light" has eased in the betting as the jockeys go to mount, but he's still second favourite and though the going's not just right, the champion jockey's got that business-as-usual look. They're moving up to the start nicely in line: and all 35 get away to a fine start.

Racing with them, our camera picks up the field, with the almost-white "Dieppe" taking up the running but there's nothing in it yet: they're just warming up. A mile to go; £2,600 for the winner; but the going's softish which is against the favourites. Anyway, we look for turn-ups in the Lincoln, so keep hoping.

"Dieppe" is still there, with "Keep-a-two-a-two" and "Bright Blue" racing ahead of the field. They're all three sprinters but the Lincoln's a funny race and they might steal it. Now "Bright Blue," trained by Gerald Armstrong, is forging ahead, with young Larkin trying to make his light weight tell. But Nevett is after him on "Keep-a-two-a-two," - the horse with a funny name is still dangerous. And now from the middle of the ruck comes "Barnes Park," number 11, flying through the field. Third in "The Guineas" two years ago he's disappointed so often, but now he's going like a winner, and those who gave him up must be worrying. 40-to-1 "Newton Heath's" in the lead with the grey "Streatley" with less than a furlong to go.

Now "Barnes Park" is challenging "Newton Heath." With Joe Sims driving him he's gained on "Newton Heath," but "Barnes Park" has got his nose in front, and at the post it's "Barnes Park" first by half a length. A slipped saddle robbed "Newton Heath" of victory. "Barnes Park" justified those who stuck to him and his owner, Mr. Lane. Now, don't miss the other half of the double in the Pathe "Grand National" Special, to be shown in this cinema.