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"THREE CHEERS" THE WINNER

It's Cesarewitch Day and Newmarket's enjoying unexpected sunshine. There's a field of 30 for the first leg of the Autumn Double. But there's only one French challenger - No. 3, TILLOY. THREE CHEERS (overnight favourite) has gone out in the betting as they line up for the start.

They're off! Two-and-a-quarter miles to go and practically a dead straight gallop all the way, with no chance of a breather at the critical moment.

At the Bushes, Manny Mercer drives THREE CHEERS into the lead, and Derby winner SPARES chases him on SPORTSMAN. FRENCH DESIGN, TILLOY and last-minute favourite KELLING are there, but it looks as though THREE CHEERS is going to be the winner as they near the Dip.

They're approaching the finish, and now it's 40-to-1 VIDE VICI challenging THREE CHEERS strongly. It's neck and neck, but THREE CHEERS pulls out a bit extra as Mercer rides a brilliant finish, and THREE CHEERS wins just as the bookies were ready to shout THREE CHEERS for VIDE VICI!