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ITALIAN HORSE RACE.

In the Piazza del Campo, Siena, jockeys eagerly await the gun which signals the start of the "Palio delle Contrade" - the historic contest between the seventeen districts of Tuscany. This is the five hundred and forty-second renewal of what must be one of the oldest horse races in the world. The horses bear colourful district symbols - the Eagle, the Porcupine, the Weasel, the Wave, the Tricorne.

Only a few corners to go, and the Porcupine, leads the way over the ancient and dangerous course, where one slip and it could mean disaster.

There's the finishing line - and the Porcupine has won. His district supporters go wild with joy, for it's their first victory in 21 years. Up the Porcupine! And down with everyone else!