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Seventeen "contrade" (districts of Tuscany) are getting ready for the annual competition in Siena at piazza del Campo.

Thousands of people, natives and outlanders will attend the historical ~~war~~ race: soon all possible sightseeing places will be crowded: in the big square, roofs, terraces, windows; any place is subject to be hired out, as it is read on the sign of this window, for instance.

Here we are: the horses of the various "contrade" come in: "Aquila" (eagle) - "Istrice" (porcupine) - "Bruce" (worm) - "Onda" (wave) "Tricorno" (three-horned).

A gun-fire gives the start: the wild race begins

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For the first time in twenty-one years "Istrice" wins: loud, unrestrainable cheers from Istrice district's fans.... and they energetically impose respect from the defeat with a raining of blows!

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