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CZECH STEEPLCHASE,

Czech steeplechasers from three countries sweep round a bend in Czechoslovakia's equivalent of the Grand National - a gruelling four-mile course with 30 obstacles. Like our own Aintree classic, it's open to six-year-olds and upwards. Here's a tough jump - the leaders take it well, but one or two aren't so lucky.

Now the Irish Bank, leading into the something Aintree hasn't got - a stretch of ploughed field.

Before long the race develops into a battle between a Czech Letec, and a Polish entry, Baracoe. The field is thinning out, and the water jump puts paid to a few more punters' hopes.

But there's more than one way of getting across.

The final straight - and the Czech and Polish hopes are fighting it out neck and neck - the Czech's holding his lead - about half a length in it now - and yes, it's a home victory! A win to delight the crowds. Footnote: There were no French runners!