

THE DEBRY:

Twenty-two horses preparing at Epsom for the Blue Ribband of the English turf - the finest three-year-olds in Europe. Her Majesty the Queen's hope is her chestnut colt, Deutelle. Now the jockeys and their mounts are ready -

Her jockey Harry Carr takes his leave of the Queen. As always, a Royal win would be popular - but this is one of those years when the punters seem to have made up their minds in advance, and if they're right, Her Majesty's going to lose to Sir Victor Sassoon, as she did when Pinza beat Anreole in 1953. For there's hardly a tipster in the business who doesn't stake his reputation on Sir Victor's Crepello. As the last minutes run out, his price is still only 6-4, and the bookies are almost begging for bets; but not many are putting their shirts on a favourite that will only give them a shirt and a half in return. And the rest don't tempt them much.

Here's Mr. Humble's Brioche, at 50-1, and Crepello himself, already winner of the 2,000 Guineas. With Lester Piggott on his back, he's calm and confident. Very soon everyone, from the Queen to the smallest punter, will see how much that confidence is justified.

Moving across to the start - and there's still time for those last-minute wild guesses. There's the Aga Khan's Prince Taj waiting for the starter - and Crepello again.

Under starter's orders - but it looks as though he's going to have some trouble getting them all in line.

Albergo's getting restive - and someone's wandered right off - yes, it's Alcatus.

This should be it.....

And Prince Taj is left standing! London Cry's a slow starter, too - and as they thunder up the outward stretch it's Bois de Mel, Mystic Prince, Deutelle, Chevastrid, Hedonist, Eudamon, and the favourite Crepello, all close together.

Coming up the hill, Eudamon's taking the lead, with Brioche on his tail. Chevastrid's still well up - but the Queen's horse Deutelle is already beginning to lose ground.

Down the hill, with Crepello being nursed. Eudamon and Brioche are still in the lead.

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Here they come round Rattenham Corner - and it's still Eudamon and Bricche neck and neck, followed by Palgr, Ghevastrid, Ballymess - and Piggott on Grepelle, now choosing his position for the decisive run home.

Eudamon's dropping back, but Bricche is struggling to keep the lead - and here's a challenge now from the Irish Ballymess! Bricche is weakening - but Ballymess is being challenged, too, it's Grepelle - coming up very strongly on their outside. Yes, he's overtaking Ballymess - the Irish horse is fighting back gallantly, but there's only a furlong to go!

It's Grepelle - Ballymess can't hold him now - Lester Piggott's drawing ahead yard by yard - yes, Grepelle wins.

Proudly Sir Victor Sassoon leads in his second Derby winner in five years - and for Lester Piggott it's two winners in four years! And it's over twenty years since the Derby winner stamped home in such a cracking time. Says trainer Noel Murless: "It shows we have a fine English horse". And so say all of us!