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Today the famous Greyville Race Course at Durban is the most popular place in the Union. There's a record crowd of 50,000 and feminine fashions still lend a touch of colour to the proceedings. The most talked about horse in the race is Lenin, the odds show the favourite to be Pickling Lad while last year's winner Kipling is making another bid for the stake of £5,000. Other strongly fancied runners are Authentic and Mr. Sid Garrett's Sadri II. The tote is working overtime and the record amount of nearly 40,000 is handled on this race alone. The Durban Turf Club is giving all the profits to a good cause, so the meeting is not only grand sport but a grand gesture on behalf of the sportsmen on the committee. The bookies are having a time of their lives but many punters can't get near enough to place their bets. The horses are coming up to the post for the start. Their backers are working out what they'll do with the money. Yes, it's the big moment with Authentic, Sadri, Pickering, Glow Light and Lenin, off the mark in a bunch. Now Coverdale is in the lead with Blitz, Lenin, Authentic. Round the last bend the field is led by Sadri. He's going well and it looks as if nothing can stop him. Authentic is lying second but Lenin has dropped behind, the big weight is hampering him and he can't keep the pace. Sadri is keeping the lead and it's all over bar the shouting. Yes, Sadri passes the post two lengths

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ahead of Authentic with Noble Peer third. The owner leads in the champion with Stanley Ames up. No.13 is a lucky number. Here's Mrs. Owner, it's a great day for her too.