

Cheltenham. The National Hunt Steeplechase. Twenty two amateur riders go

on parade. Mr. Dawes mounts Hopeful Hero.

Here are the twenty two. No. 17 Pucka Belle rather fractious. The tapes are

up and they're off. Quite a nice start although Castle Screen I think it is,

got rather badly left. Ben Lomond seems to be leading. The favorite is Misdemeanour, and she is quite well placed in the first five. At number five jump several are missing. El Domador is challenging Ben Lomond for

the lead, and Blavasso Man, ridden and owned by Mr. Holland Martin is hot on their heels. Castle Screen has not yet made good her bad start and is still

at the tail end. More have fallen. Only about eight left in the race now.

One riderless horse

is putting up a good --- there's Sancatoo down. Bad luck. At the last jump. After getting into the lead too. There are only six left now and Pucka Belle

has lengths in hand as she passes the post before Duannor, with Kendal Kid

third. There is Pucka Belle being led in and her son I being led out.