

DERBY

It looked anything but grand weather before lunch on Derby Day. The race made history by being run on Saturday for the first time. The going promised to be soft but rich and poor were so sure of Tudor Minstrel it seemed almost a formality to run the race at all. Even that prince of owners the Aga Khan did not expect his colt ^{Migoli} ~~Migoli~~ to beat the Minstrel. Expectation of a record ~~large~~ crowd was not realised but about half a million people were at Epsom, creating the unique atmosphere of the Derby.

Along the course from Tattenham Corner drove his Majesty ~~the King~~ and other members of the royal party, visiting Epsom for the sporting festival whose ~~universal~~ appeal embraces everyone from King to costermonger.

Even the weather was a good sportsman, and out came the sun well in time for the big race.

The royal family went down into the paddock. Everybody was sorry that the King's own horse Blue Train was not running. In the camera's eye were Castle Street, Richard-
and
-the-Third, / French Invader, Pearl Diver.... *Of* the fifteen top-notch jockeys, *Champion* Gordon Richards monopolized the limelight, *fully expects 2 chances to get Derby win* up on the odds-on favourite, the Minstrel himself.

The Aga Khan's Migoli. It was only a matter of minutes *now* till the start. The fifteen runners ~~lined~~ *e lining* up at the gate. Some punters thought it a bad omen that Tudor Minstrel was drawn Number Thirteen.

It was a good start. Mile and a half to go, a distance which only the cream of three-year-olds can stay at Derby speed.

(Pan) Blue Coral, Bhishma, Saravan and Tite Street, led the field at this early stage, much too early to be any indication of the likely result.... Going on towards Tattenham Corner Pearl Diver was a shade in front of Tudor Minstrel, Sayajirao, Cadir, and Migoli.

(C.I.) Round the corner the forty-to-one shot Pearl Diver was still there with the Minstrel, and it was now ^{it} everybody expected the favourite's class to tell in those last four furlongs, fatal to so many Derby hopes in the past.

Two furlongs from the post the great Tudor Minstrel began to fade out. Pearl Diver magnificently consolidated his lead while Migoli held off Sayajirao for second place. Pearl Diver won the Derby by four lengths.

So yet another French horse, ~~Gordon Richards~~, has triumphed.

This time the most coveted prize of all goes to France.

Poor Gordon Richards failed again - his twenty-second Derby. ^{defeat.}
 Jockey Bridgland and Pearl Diver confounded all the experts, delighted the bookies and walked away with the Derby.