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GOODWOOD - STEWARD'S CUP.

A record crowd of about 60,000 packs Goodwood Racecourse on Steward's Cup Day. But Goodwood, one of the most picturesque courses in the country, isn't so glorious this year. Far from being a summer's day, there's a cold, blustering wind. A South-Westerly gale, with gusts of up to sixty miles an hour, sweeps across the course most of the day. So that puts picture-hats right out of the picture. Soon be time for the big race.

The Royal Standard flies high above the grandstand for Her Majesty the Queen is present. She is accompanied by the Duchess of Norfolk. There's no royal entry, in the Steward's Cup, a six furlong race. Up to the gate, the 28 runners get set.

And they're off! At a good pace they move away up the short rise and then down towards the stands. The field splits into two bunches. Dumbarnie and Chivalry lead the right-hand pack. Blackpool Tower, Ashurst Wonder, Live Spirit and Vilmoray are well up on the far side.

Up they come towards the two-furlong post. Zanzara has moved up. Billy Carr brings Live Spirit into first place. Ashurst Wonder, carrying four pounds overweight, is going well. Eighteen year old apprentice Tony Shrive is riding him beautifully. Only a furlong to go. Ras Johnstone moves Mocalight Express up alongside Ashurst Wonder.

Suddenly Zanzara, caught by a gust of wind, bumps Mocalight Express. Ashurst Wonder takes a slight knock, but on he goes to win by half a length. Mocalight Express, and Zanzara are second and third. The ill-wind that upset the fern-beaks, blew the winning punters a real bit of good - Ashurst Wonder came home at 50 to 1.
