

LINCOLN OPENS 'FLAT' RACING

The 'flat' season gets off to a 'dramatic' start. Lincoln becomes centre of the racing world, as 100,000 crowd the Carlisle Course for the hundred and first Lincolnshire Handicap. After months out of the headlines, racing's little men - led by champion jockey Gordon Richards - are back on parade - ready on the dot for the season's first big race. 40 of them are off to a flying get-away in the flying mile! Less than two minutes of fierce battle lie ahead, as they thunder away into the country. HATCHIK and GOLDSBOROUGH make the running, with FANCY FLY and BURPHAM up there, too.

HATCHIK, nearest the camera, is still making the running, fighting it out with GOLDSBOROUGH for the lead.

Four furlongs to go and a change of leaders coming up. TAO is forging ahead and jockey Snaith pushes his mount into second place - half a length behind GOLDSBOROUGH.

Three furlongs left and bursting into the lead comes DRAMATIC - with Gordon Richards up. Gaining ground along every yard, the white cap of the champion jockey is soon out in front - showing the rest the way home.

Two hundred yards to go and DRAMATIC rears home - one of the easiest winners in years. A year ago, the horse was practically paralyzed. Now, its 7 to 1 triumph costs the bookies a packet. The golden spurs bring Gordon the season's first big winner. Now what about the Derby.