

Runner-up Technician can reverse form with Bangkok if they meet at Epsom

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Bangkok (left): lands the Classic Trial under Silvestre de Sousa, from Technician (right) Alan Crowhurst

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The bet365 Classic Trial often produces a smart performer and both **Bangkok** and **Technician** emerged from the race with plenty of credit, even if neither look capable of winning the Investec Derby in little over a month's time.

Bangkok earned most of the plaudits, being cut generally to 12-1 (from 25) for Epsom, but nowhere near enough was made of how unlucky Technician was – and how he is more than twice the price for the Derby is a bit of a head-scratcher.

He had galloped on relentlessly when beating a useful rival over a mile and a half at Leicester on his previous outing, so the last thing he would have wanted was to get an interrupted trip on this drop in distance, but that's exactly what happened.

Travelling strongly but trapped away on the inside as his rider made the decision to go inside, the door shut and he was then kept in when trying to switch left. By this point the winner had flown, but he hit the line hard and, had he been able to unleash his galloping stride sooner, he'd likely have won.

Admittedly Bangkok probably thought he'd done enough in front, but of the pair Technician would be the one I could see faring best if they face off again on the Downs.