GRAND NATIONAL—SURPRISE DECISIONS

Alpine Hut And Remus Not To Run

NORTH DEVON BEATEN

MODERATE FORM IN LINCOLN TRIAL

By THE SCOUT

THERE are a few surprises in the final Grand National acceptance and Golden Miller may be opposed by the smallest field since another great Aintree horse in the ill-fated Troytown beat Turk II. and The Bore, who was remounted at the last fence, in a field of twenty-four in 1920. Grief used to be far more plentiful then.

There were twenty-eight runners—which is the present number—in old Sergeant Murphy's year and that of last March, but it is usual for one or two to drop out during the ten days after the final acceptance.

Compare the present field with the sixty-six in Gregalach's year! Qualifications and other conditions have been altered since then.

I am not altogether surprised that Remus, as well as Mr. Berry's other entrant, Alarmist, have gone, but was not prepared for the scratching of Frank Hartigan's pair, Alpine Hut and Kakushin.

Both are winners on the course, and so is Prince Madoc, who had not satisfied since he jumped into prominence by beating Delaneige last November. Francolino, who had not run for over a year, is another scratching.

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"Doubles" Upset?

WE knew already that Noiseau, Avenger, Kilfol, Double Crossed, and Thrale's four—Dirlatyre, Jack Drummer, Buck Willow, and News Item—would not be found among the acceptances.

I expect such as Alpine Hut and Remus had figured in doubles, and I thought that Alpine Hut was going the right way after his last race.

Hard ground is all against Remus, and I think that they have done the right thing. And old Kakushin had to give weight to Tupinois and Castle Irwell, but no doubt he will have his usual Aintree outing, and if conditions are suitable Remus could also have a go for the Champion Chase, and a distance under three miles is his best, in my opinion.

I am rather surprised that some of the minimum lot hold their ground, but owners are keen to ride their own horses. Captain Harding (who still hopes to ride again at the Grand Military Meeting) had agreed to take the mount on Alpine Hut, and young Rimell also seems now without a mount.

Sir Peter Grant Lawson was to have been associated with Remus—a short-lived arrangement. H. Nicholson, who was doing so well before he broke two bones in a hand, expects to resume at Liverpool, where his big mount will be Jimmy James.

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Outpaced

THE main Lincoln feature yesterday was a Newmarket trial in which Gordon Richards rode North Devon, and was beaten three lengths by Sirett's mount, Cresset, over seven and a half furlongs. Red Horizon (McDonald) was a bad third, but I shall not condemn him for the Liverpool Cup on that account.

North Devon did not impress. He was always outpaced by Cresset—a useful horse at his best. Lord Glanely was present.

It was expected that, with Gordon on The Blue Boy, Sirett might ride North Devon on the Carholme. There had been no inspired support.

The Blue Boy seems to me much better in the Jubilee, and I am not surprised that Bendex, who was asked to meet him on 18lbs. worse terms compared with the Lincoln, has gone out of the Kempton Handicap. Now will Easton and Umidwar—the part, but the well-treated "Frenchman," Rentenmark, can renew Cambridgeshire rivalry with Wychwood Abbot and others.

Lincoln horses like The Blue Boy, Commander III., Galapas and Fleetfoot have been taken out of the Victoria Cup.

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A REGULAR racegoer who stayed on at Wolverhampton to see Llanarmon galloped after racing said to me yesterday: "If it had been on Newmarket Heath and not over a good racecourse mile it would have been made a lot of—and rightly so. Whatever the value of the opposition, Barthropp's charge made up ground and finished like a good 'un in form. He will do for my little bit at Lincoln. . . ."

He also volunteered the information that about a "monkey" of inspired money has gone on Llanarmon each way.

Weston would doubtless have preferred the mount to that of Sir Abe Bailey's filly, Lost Soul. Anyway, Sam Wragg was in a position to choose wisely.

I gather that, before Dines accepted the ride of Circular Saw, he had the offer of Over Coat from the Play On stable.

I respect Jim Russell's ability to win the Lincoln again, but Over Coat—who was bought cheaply last December—will have to reproduce his good Irish form as a two-year-old. He is another who had a blank 1934.

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Form Is Form

WITHOUT doubt good money has gone on him, but they bet like steam in South Africa, and naturally a South African-owned horse trained by Russell comes in for support from that quarter, for they were in funds last March.

I doubt, however, if the stable had a very big win over Play On, who had certainly improved by the time he had done more galloping on Mablethorpe sands before the City and Suburban at Epsom.

Before this stage last year I had singled out the splendid consistent record of Play On, and always kicked myself for not sticking to the Lincoln winner.

After all form is form, and generally better than going back over eighteen months to find a horse with "1" beside his name.

I am not surprised to find several queries about four-year-olds in this year's race, who won the most races last year. Heavy Weight won his first three and his last, and that is the best record, for Llanarmon only had three victories.

Chestnut winning the Ingatestone Hurdle at Chelmsford.

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TAUNTON.
3.0.—SLAVE SONG (to win).
March 21, 1935. THE SCOUT.

SERVICES PARI-MUTUEL

CHELMSFORD.

2.0.—River Fox, win 61/10, place 28/10; Baco, place 2/10.
2.30.—Corolario, win 152/10, place 11/10; Doreen Jane, place 2/10; Ground Swell, place 8/10.
3.0.—Chestnut, win 237/10, place 32/10; Benefit, place 14/10; Cornkiss, place 3/10.
3.30.—Small Polly, win 107/10.
4.0.—Hibiscus, win 14/10.
4.30.—Guy Mannering, win 6/10, place 1/10; Per Cent, place 10/10.

SEDGEFIELD.

2.30.—Golden Crown, win 215/10, place 49/10; Denise Cf, place 13/10.
3.0.—Martin Barber, win 44/10.
3.30.—Chalo, win 14/10, place 4/10; Lightning Settler, place 16/10; Gun Law, place 12/10.
4.0.—Mistress Priscilla, win 29/10, place 8/10; Double One, place 21/10.
4.30.—Evening Rise, win 102/10, place 45/10; Donna Mia, place 19/10.
5.0.—Mount Charles, win 40/10, place 15/10; Field Gun, place 71/10; Silver Crown, place 116/10.

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A Little Man Blows In

STORY OF A LOOK ROUND—AND HORSE TALK

COMING OF FLAT RACING

HE GETS TO KNOW "DAILY EXPRESS" PLANS

By ARTHUR SIMMONS
Sports Editor

A LITTLE MAN blew in the office yesterday. Asked to see me. Wanted to have a look at the inside of a big newspaper building.

I was very busy; but there are twenty-four hours in a day. "All right, show him up." He toddled from the lift to my desk. "Come along," I conducted him round a bit. Then we chatted for a few minutes.

He told me he was fascinated with racing. Had been for many a year. Betted pretty regularly, but always, as he put it, "within my modest means."

He had known the original Scout of the "Daily Express," and was delighted when I informed him The Scout of today, Cyril Luckman, was the son of the first Scout. "Well! Well!

"Do you know," he said, "I have taken the 'Daily Express' from the first issue. Wonderful changes since the early days; changing all the time. Always right up to date. Bright, fresh, breezy."

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THE SECRETS

THEN with a twinkle in his eye, "What secrets have you got for the flat racing season?"

"Secrets?" I lifted an eyebrow. "Secrets?"

"Yes. You know very well what I mean. Plans. The 'Daily Express' always has something special for us backers when flat racing comes along."

"Thanks for the compliment," I said. "You want to know our plans. Well—Oh! all right.

"You will be pleased to learn that it has been arranged for Sir Harry, who had a wonderful run in the Manchester edition of the 'Daily Express' last season, to give selections this end for the Northern meetings. And for Scotia, who found many a good one, or two, or three for readers of the Scottish 'Daily Express' in 1934, to flash to us his best for Scottish meetings.

"These men are very closely in touch with the best sources of information.

"Of course, all the other experts you know so well—**The Scout, Bendex, Our Course Correspondent, What the Book Says, Newmarket Correspondent**—will carry on with their daily selections. Add to these unrivalled judges of racing a chain of representatives linking up the stables, and you will agree, I feel sure, that the 'Daily Express' is thoroughly prepared.

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IT'S IN THE BLOOD

"DOESN'T The Scout get tired of doing the round of the meetings year after year?" the Little Man inquired.

"Not a bit. It's in the blood. He loves it. Inspecting horses in the paddock, watching the running through his wonderful binoculars, gathering information, and then settling down to write his views for the benefit of 'Daily Express' readers.

"He enjoys most of all doing the story of big races. His descriptions of the Derby are quoted all over the world."

The Little Man chipped in with: "I have cuttings of his accounts of big races covering a very long time. Sorry to interrupt. Tell me more."

"Well, take a peep to your left. See that tallish chap at the tape machine? That's Bendex, who turns out the daily notes the public like so much. Bendex is much the youngest member of the racing staff. Just over twenty-one. But he has been 'mad' on horses since he could walk. Remarkably well informed on Turf matters. He will travel hundreds of miles to look over a horse he fancies.

THE SCOUT.

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LOMBARDO RETURNS

"THERE will be lots of other interesting features in the 'Daily Express' racing page. Many readers have expressed a wish for Lombardo to resume. He will resume.

"Nobody can say that Lombardo seeks to hide when he shows a loss. Win or lose on his stakes, he publishes the figures. He arranges his bets on a professional basis—sometimes two in a race—and hopes to have a long run of profit-making weeks. Lombardo's weekly figures will be made up every Friday night.

"And Long Shots on the more important events, Best of the Week, Daily, Safety Bet, Doubles by The Scout, and Bendex. . . .

"Of course the daily programmes, form, runners, riders, betting forecast will be up to the last minute.

"Oh, by the way, Bendex has again promised to provide those very interesting A B C's on big races.... Afraid I must close down now. So much to do. I'll show you the lift."

"Much obliged," said the Little Man. "The 'Daily Express' racing service certainly is complete."

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HOW IT WORKS OUT

AFTER he had departed it flashed to my mind that what I had told the Little Man I intended to tell all readers this morning. Curious how things work out.

I wished the Little Man "good luck" with his modest bets. I now include all "Daily Express" readers who like to have "a bit on."

POINTERS FROM NEWMARKET

By BENDEX.

I CAUGHT my first view of Pepino on Newmarket Heath yesterday morning. He is a likeable chestnut colt and a good mover.

His spin with Pricket over a mile told us nothing. It was not a top-speed, and Pricket's rider never let go of his mount's head.

Though the money is for Pepino a sound judge prefers Spiritueile II. of Lambton's pair. Michael Beary gets on excellently with this temperamental mare.

I saw Bahram and Hairan go a mile upsides on Racecourse Side. They afforded an interesting comparison. Bahram has grown into a beautifully made colt. He takes little out of himself, but yet manages to cover a tremendous amount of ground in his stride.

Hairan, the heftier of the two, has a most pronounced knee action. I doubt if he will like hard ground or down-hill galloping any better this season.

Maltravers has grown into a nice horse. If he does not win the Two Thousand Guineas will win sprint races.

From what I hear we can rule Lost Soul out of calculations for the Lincoln. Llanarmon is likely to be best of the provincials.

Red Hot Poker, winner of a recent trial, is said to be a flier. As the old 'un, in the gallop stuck his toes in, though, the form was not easy to assess. There is said to be a good thing for Newmarket in the Brocklesby. More about him later.

There are races at Taunton today. The best bet may be Revelry (nap) (3.0), a useful maiden hurdler. Slave Song does not run.

Other Sport on Page FIFTEEN

Training Hints

2.0.—Richard II. (Letcombe Bassett) fancied. Croisade (Pyecombe) should win.
2.30.—Thanos (Lambourn) good. Sweet Berry (St. Giles) want beating. Battling Still (Letcombe Bassett) fancied.
3.0.—Revelry (Lambourn) go close.
3.30.—Brakenburg (Pyecombe) go close. Tom Oliver (Cheltenham) fancied.
4.0.—Te Ruru (St. Giles) each way. Blue Banner (Wroughton) go close. Oliver's Corner (Cheltenham) fancied.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHING

Liverpool Spring Cup.—Sublime Prince at 9 a.m. yesterday.

TAUNTON

(All the selections in this Table are Copyright.)

SAFETY BET. 3.0.—Slave Song (to win).

	2.0. 2m.	2.30. 2m.	3.0. 2m.	3.30. 2m.	4.0. 2m.	4.30. 3m.
THE SCOUT	Irish Lord (if ab Richard II)	Thanos (if ab Sweet Berry)	Slave Song (nap) (if ab Hillwood)	Tom Oliver (if ab Captain's Chce)	Perfective (n.b.) (if ab Ol. Corner)	Ti. of Kildare (if ab Bve. Girl)
BENDEX	Richard II.	Thanos (if ab Sweet Berry	Revelry (nap)	Breconian	Perfective	Plains of Kildare
WHAT THE BOOK SAYS	Dame Fortune	Thanos	Revelry	Breconian	Te Ruru	—
G. GILDEY (S. Express)	Double Tot (nap) (if ab Hall's set)	Thanos (if ab Sweet Berry.)	Slave Song (if ab Revelry)	Thanos (if ab Slate and Stripes)	Perfective	Bve. Girl (if ab Plains of Kildare)

THE SCOUT'S DOUBLE.—Slave Song and Perfective. THE SCOUT'S TOTE DOUBLE.—Slave Song (all, Hillwood) and Perfective (all, Oliver's Corner).
BENDEX' DOUBLE.—Richard II. and Revelry. BENDEX' TOTE DOUBLE.—Revelry and Perfective.

TAUNTON CARD

TOTE DOUBLE 3.0 and 4.0.

2.0—EXFORD (S) H'CAP HURDLE. £70. Two Miles.

003 Eccentricity (Vivian), 6, 12 5 ...Mr. Barry
042 Song o' My Heart (J Hall), 7, 12 1 ...Mr. Little
000 Jack o' Glen (Pease), 7,11 7...W Welsby
000 Pol Amour (Rayson), 5, 11 3 Mr Dennistoun
203 Irish Lord (Dorse), 10, 11 7 ...W Parvin
000 Spionear (Newey), 5, 11 4 ...J Tully
000 Richard II. (O Anthony), 4, 11 4 ...G Pellerin
044 Double Tot (Private), 5, 11 2 ...J Roberts
000 Tetric (Cox), 9, 11 1 ..... K Piggott
001 Wallace (Sharland), 5, 11 ...Mr Sharland
400 Glitter Mac (R Thompson), 7, 10 11 ...J Hamey
41 Dame Fortune (J Hall), 5, 10 7 F Kinsella

Above Are Probables.

Also engaged.—Fairy Prince, Young Sport, Tolstoi, Chilly Vamp, Croisade, Baco, Result, Diabolo, Ballykinler, Tarasdiddle, Skypeep.

Betting Forecast.—7—2 Eccentricity, 5 Dame Fortune, 6 Double Tot, 7 Jack o' Glen, Song o' My Heart, 8 Wallace, Richards II, 10 Irish Lord, 100—7 others.

2.30—BRIDGWATER OPTIONAL (S) CHASE. £70. Two miles.

020 Battling Still (G Anthony), 8, 11 7 ...T Cullinan
041 Gay Life (H Knight), 8, 11 7 ...Mr Payne-Gallwey
00 Alexandrina (I Anthony), 6, 11 D Morgan
332 Sweet Berry (King), 6, 11 Lord Normanton or Mr Dennistoun
040 Archman (King), 8, 11 Lord Normanton
111 Thanos (Goode), 5, 10 .....F Maxwell
200 Blabber (P Hurt), 10 10 .....—
205 Le Boulanger (G Langlands), 8, 10 ...M Fenkes
202 Rodmell (Edgeley), 11, 10 .....R Eggley
051 Camp Bed (Powell), 14, 10 .....—
400 Flambent (Philipps), 10, 10 .....—
E Brown rides Camp Bed or Flambent.

Above Are Probables.

Also engaged: Enniselare, Crossant, The Blacksmith, Futitrile, Bright Prince.

Betting Forecast.—7—4 Sweet Berry, 5—2 Thanos, 7 Gay Life, 10 Le Boulanger, Camp Bed, Blabber, 100—6 others.

3.0—LYNGFORD HURDLE. £70. Two miles.

221 Black Mark (P Hurt), 6, 12 3 ...M Barry
023 Private Present (G Langlands), 6, 11 7 ...M Fenkes
020 Mr Bonus (Roberts), 6, 11 7 .....—
03 Madam Butterfly (G Wilson), 5, 11 3 ...G Pellerin
Cara Rock (O Anthony), 5 11 3 ...G Gayton
04 Buenayentura (Edwards), 5, 11 3 J Tully
00 Tens Sand (T Rimell), 5, 11 3 T Rimell
00 Galivacte (King), 4 10 7 .....J Hamey
032 Slave Song (Rayson), 4, 10 7 ...G Ingham
032 Revelry (Macnee), 4, 10 7 .....W Parvin
000 Mountain Maid (Holland), 4 10 7 .....—
004 Hillwood (I Anthony), 4, 10 7 Mr Stoddard

Above Are Probables.

Also engaged: Jap, Irish Delight Athnus, Outrider, Lord of the Hapsburgs, Dimmer, Spionear, Wild Boy, Xenon, Garage, Blanding, Jolly Roger.

Betting Forecast.—6—4 Slave Song, 4 Revelry, 6 Black Mark, 8 Private Present, Hillwood, 10 Mr Bonus, 100—7 others.

3.30—DILLINGTON H'CAP 'CHASE. £70. Two miles.

220 Captain's Choice (T Rimell), 5, 11 12 ...T Rimell
020 Tom Oliver (Roberts), 5, 11 9 ...F Gurney
111 Thanos (Goode), 5, 11 4 .....F Maxwell
104 Ardrowan (Rayson), 8, 11 3 ...Mr Dennistoun
130 Flying Minutes (R Hobbs), 5, 10 13 ...—
400 Jack Ketch (Private), 10, 10 4 ...—
432 Breconian (Lindsay), 12, 10 3 Mr E Brown
020 King Carnival (J Davies), 5, 10 3 S Kernick
0 San Farian (Private), 9, 10 3 .....G Owen

Above Are Probables.

Also engaged: Innskeen, Tit for Tat, Drakensburg, Stars and Stripes, Frisky Duke, Gipsy Race, Nimbo, Archimedes, Manom, Mattamac, Troubadour II.

Betting Forecast.—5—2 Tom Oliver, 7—2 Flying Minutes, 4 Thanos, 5 Captain's Choice, 6 Ardrowan, 100—7 others.

4.0—PORTMAN H'CAP HURDLE. £70. Two miles.

000 Perfective (D Harrison), 8, 12 5 T Rimell
400 Cavalcade (P Brown), 5, 11 6 ...E Brown
00 Blue Banner II (I Anthony), 7, 10 12 ...Mr Stoddard
001 Te Ruru (King), 7, 10 8 .....Mr Applin
200 Oliver's Corner (Roberts), 5, 10 5 ...F Gurney

Above Are Probables

Also engaged: Battling Ben, Blue Mirage, Free Wheeler, Vertugadin, Sigari, Scotch Star, Phial, Fairy Prince.

Betting Forecast.—9—4 Perfective, 7—2 Te Ruru, 5 Fairy Prince, Blue Banner II, 6 Oliver's Corner, 10 Cavalcade.

4.30—SOMERSET HUNTERS (Amateur Riders) 'Chase. £70. Three miles.

003 Brave Girl (Rimell), 11, 12 12 .....—
000 Plains of Kildare (R Bennett), 6, 11 7 ...Mr Petre
440 Balustrade (Private), 8, 11 7 ...Mr Petre

Above Are Probables.

Also engaged: Surgeon-Major, Lights Out, Lady Pop, Bean Hill.

Betting Forecast.—6—4 Balustrade, 2 Plains of Kildare, 9—4 Brave Girl.

RUGBY HUNT WINNERS

1.30.—Double Bay (9—4). 2.20.—Tulon (9—4). 2.35 Faulenrury 7 (10—11). 3.30 Grappler (5—2). 4.0.—Blackbird. (5—2). 4.30.—Marechal Niel. (5—2).

Grand National Acceptances

GOLDEN MILLER (Miss Paget), Briscoe, 8, 12 7 .....G. Wilson
THOMOND II. (Mr. J. Whitney), J. Anthony, 9, 11 13 .....W. Speck
ROYAL RANSOM (Mr. J. Whitney), J. Anthony, 8, 11 8 .....J. Hamey
REYNOLDSTOWN (Major Furlong), N. Furlong, 9, 11 4 .....Mr. F. Furlong
DELANEIGE (Mr. J. B. Snow), Beeby, 10, 11 ..... J. Moloney
SOUTHERN HERO (Mr. J. Rank), Evans, 10, 11 0 .....J. Fawcus
BRIENZ (Mr. G. Beeby), Beeby, 9, 11 0 .....W. Kidney
REALLY TRUE (Major Furlong), N. Furlong, 11, 10 13 .....D. Morgan
BACHELOR PRINCE (Miss Lark), Private, 8, 10 10 .....W. O'Grady
CASTLE IRWELL (Mr. G. Bostwick), J. Anthony, 7, 10 10 .....Mr. G. Bostwick
BALLYBRACK (Lt.-Col. Tweedie), Wright, 11, 10 8 .....Mr. Tweedie
ALEXENA (Mr. J. Redman), Rimell, 9, 10 7 .....Capt. Payne-Gallwey
BLUE PRINCE (Lady Lindsay), Private, 7, 10 7 .....W. Parvin
BRAVE CRY (Mr. J. Lewis), Pendarves, 13, 10 7 .....Mr. Windsor-Lewis
EMANCIPATOR (Mr. Cazalet), E. Whiteman, 7, 10 7 .....Mr. Cazalet
FOUQUET (Mr. Blair), Blair, 8, 10 7 .....—
HUIC HOLLOA (Mr. W. Waddington), Waddington, 10 10 7 .....J. Ward
JIMMY JAMES (Mr. B. Mills), Dick, 8, 10 7 .....H. Nicholson
LAZY BOOTS (Sir G. Congreve), Congreve, 9, 10 7 .....—
MASTER ORANGE (Mrs. D'Oyly Mann), Dale, 10, 10 7 .....Mr. A. B. Mildmay
PRINCESS MIR (Mr. D. Jackson), Powell, 10, 10 7 .....Mr. D. Jackson
RED PARK (Lady Houston), Russell, 9, 10 7 .....P. Fitzgerald
SLATER (Mr. G. Whitelaw), Whitelaw, 10, 10 7 .....F. Maxwell
SOUTHERN HUE (Mr. J. McGrath), Duffy, 11, 10 7 .....—
TAPINOIS (M. P. E. Peck), Hurt, 7, 10 7 .....F. Gurney
TROCADERO (Mr. E. Perry), Hurt 11, 10 7 .....T. Cullinan
THERAS (Mr. J. Metcalf), H. Harrison, 10, 10 7 .....T. Carey
UNCLE BATT (Mr. H. Brandt), James, 9, 10 7 .....T. Isaac

WITH THE CUP BETWEEN THEM

Fine Trial Row Of Oxford

H. F. E. Coles (left) and M. Boggin, finalists for amateur billiards championship. Match for the cup began yesterday.

FAST TIME OVER FULL COURSE

(Race to be rowed on April 6.)

THE Oxford Boat-race crew rowed their first full-course unpaced trial yesterday afternoon from Putney Bridge to Mortlake in 19mins. 32secs.—better than their first trial last year, when their time was 20mins. 25secs.

The impression gained was that the Dark Blues always had something in hand and could have improved their time had they been pressed.

The best time for the Boat-race course is 18mins. 3secs., which Cambridge did in last year's race.

The row took place under ideal conditions on the full of the flood tide, with little breeze either to assist or to hamper the eight.

CAMBRIDGE TOMORROW

D. M. de Winser, the Oxford stroke, got away smartly and there was no sign of weakening when they shot Hammersmith Bridge.

De Winser was keeping his men fairly well together at Chiswick Steps, and after that he called on the crew for a burst. When Barnes Bridge had been passed De Winser raised the rate of striking, and the crew finished in 19mins. 32secs.

Cambridge will row their first full-course trial tomorrow. They put in some serious practice in their new boat at Chiswick, but their first outing was restricted to half an hour. They first tested their new oars and bells.

Later the Light Blues showed magnificent form in rowing from Barnes Bridge to Hammersmith Bridge in 7mins. 50secs.

Geoffrey Gilbey's Gossip

MANY readers have been mystified by the fact that Celadon has not appeared in the ante-post betting of late. One friend went so far as to say that there is never smoke without fire, and he was certain that Celadon could be washed out from the Lincoln.

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This view has not been shared by the bookmakers who have sent me lists. They have shown judgment.

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Mr. Barclay kindly rang me up to tell me that his horse could not possibly have given more satisfaction when he completed work yesterday: in the words of his owner he is "a 100 per cent. horse." Unless anything happens between now and Wednesday, no horse will go to the post in better condition. No one could have been more open than Mr. Barclay has with Celadon, and I hope his openness will be rewarded.

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Another owner friend who must have a distinct chance of winning the race is Mr. Gerber, whose Bendex has been going on well. Mr. Gerber is not a novice in racing matters. In South Africa he has ridden many winners in amateur races, and on one occasion rode three winners in one day.

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The Substitute!

AN amusing incident occurred in connection with Bendex and the Lincoln. Some one who had heard that Humphrey Foster would not after all be able to ride rang up Jack Leach, Bendex's trainer, to inquire who was going to ride the horse. Jack Leach replied "Humphrey Foster." The questioner then said: "If Foster did not ride who would you get then?" Jack Leach replied: "Teddy Brown." The questioner then looked up the lists of all the apprentices, and couldn't find Teddy Brown among them.

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Humphrey Foster's services are likely to be in the greatest demand this year. The moment I got back from Cheltenham on Thursday last and saw in the Calendar that Wiggle had 6st. 7lbs. in the Bridgewater Plate at Liverpool on Grand National Day I at once put a call through to George Digby to see if Humphrey Foster could ride her. I am delighted to say he can.

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A DAY rarely passes when somebody doesn't write to me and tell me of a dream they have had in connection with either the Lincoln or the Grand National. Here is a letter from a Devonshire dreamer.

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"Would you please be good enough to let me know whether you can recognise the following horse and jockey: Brown horse, white face or nose, No. 5. Jockey, red hair, black cap. Colours, red, white, and black.

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The task, I am afraid, is very difficult. Rufus Beasley has red hair. When we see him next in a race on number five wearing a black cap and with red and black colours we must back him—provided he is on a brown horse with a white nose or face.

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TRIUM DE

BOLTON FAI AND CA

West Bromwic

FATE plays all sorts of tr been more unkind tha captain of Bolton, for one Alec Finney, of all peo lines of most reports in th this season.

He figures in the headl side. Finney was unlucky c see against his side in the So it is West Brom saw this great semi-fin

The Albion were wort goals, make no mistake ab We missed that Bolton the previous rounds. T that made them the tal football world. The shin blurred after that first goa dull by half-time, and c worn away long before th The forwards were slug the key of the situation complete domination of t of the field by Carter a ford, Albion's inside forwa completely usurped what and Eastham had surely as their divine right.

Carter, after being inj spent the last twenty minut about on the wing. Until t been one of the game's grea A master tactician and a gr

He spoonfed Gale, who play after a shaky start. Boy twinkling feet had another go had Richardson (W G.). B was a sturdy line of halves defence.

THE GIANTS

Something went wrong wit derers' works, but one mar among his fellows—G. Tayl half. His was a great displa

Atkinson was another gl was young Smith. Smit grand duels with Hayes. watch the refreshing bat these two young fellows!

Bolton had Milsom back Walton, but the resultant a ting of the Wanderers' line di Milsom had one real shot from a free-kick thirteen y the end. The ball just whizz Now back to the goals. T after thirty-two minutes.

COLOUR QUES

Both Cup finalists. A Sheffield Wednesday, usua blue-and-white striped sh means that they will ha out at Wembley in "strang for the rule is that when clashing both teams must

had been living up to h "fetching and carrying" [ro field, slung a long high- middle, where he knew h Richardson.

The ball went to the e of Finney—did I say ever this time. Finney, undi and presented W. G. Ric the sort of opening he ge

His shot was a high one, w Jones would have taken in the imp of misfortune gl on the goalpost. The ball Jones' head into the net.

The second was a greate possible, and, of course, pro ing point in the game.

FROM THE S

It came less than a min time. Gale, from close in. Boyes' centre. He tapped i and it struck Finney on the

The referee immediately i spot. A harsh decision. I ball hit Finney's hand, ap sense the deliberate offen the law dictates a penalty

The Wanderers' men pr wonderful lot of sportsmen not querying the decision. "on the chin." Sandfor the spot and so the Wonde going in for a rest full of off with defeat staring the

Teams:—

West Bromwich Albion.—Trentham; Murphy, Rich Edwards; Gale, Carter, Rich Sandford, Boyes.

Bolton Wanderers.—Jone ney; Goslin, Atkinson, Ta lor (G. T.), Eastham, Mils Cook.

Referee: R. Bowie (Newc

YOUNG ARS SPARKLE

Suffolk County I. a

NINE THOUSAND Ip fans saw Arsenal th County side yesterday. arranged in connection w F.A. Jubilee celebrations.

Actually, although the them was so heavy, Suffo snare of the game, and Arsenal goalkeeper from plenty to do. He did it Suffolk's only goal, score came after Bradshaw hac from Byron.

Arsenal forwards, clever worked splendidly togethe nis Compton, on the Rogers, on the right, were too hot for Dorling an Suffolk wing halves.

D. Compton (2), Rogers Parkin scored for Arsenal goal, was Suffolk's star.

Chelmsford Details

GOING GOOD.

2.0—HAINAULT (S) H'CAP HURDLE. Value £65. Two miles.

River Fox, b g by Foxlaw—Dorney, Mrs H B Warwick, 5, 10 6 ...P Stewart 1
Baco, Mr G B Bates, 9, 10 10 ...S Ingham 2
Marquise, Miss J E King, 7, 10 7 D McCarthy 3

Also: Alley (L Agar), Strategic (M Redmond), Intruder (Mr A Mildmay). Six ran.

S.P.—Even Baco, 4 Alley, 4 Intruder, 7 River Fox, 10 others. Tote.—Win, 15s 9d; places, 3s 9d, 2s 3d.

A length and a half; four lengths. Alley fourth. Collinson, Bishopstone. No bid for the winner. Time, 4mins. 9 3-5secs.

2.30—ROMFORD H'CAP HURDLE. Value £83. Two miles.

Corolario, gr g by Coronach—Madame de Stael, Mr L Robinson, 6, 11 ...Mr P Cazalet 1
Doreen Jane, Mr T R Leader, 5, 11 13 (The Scout's and Bendex' sel) .....A Goodwill 2
Ground Swell, Mrs H B Warwick, 5, 12 ...S Ingham 3

Also: Dust (L Tidey), Strathspey (E O Brown), True North (W Hollick), Mr Camp (B Robinson), Water Main (D McCarthy). Eight ran.

S.P.—11—8 Doreen Jane, 5 Ground Swell, True North, Strathspey, 8 Corolario, 100—8 Dust, 20 others. Tote.—Win, 28s 5d; places, 3s 6d, 2s 5d, 2s 9d.

A length and a half; half a length. True North fourth. Trained privately. Time, 4mins 13 3-5secs.

3.0—INGATESTONE NOVICES' OPTIONAL (S) HURDLE. Value £66. Two miles.

Chestnut, ch g by Ponme-de-Terre—Corrie Inville, Mr O Laurence, 6, 10 13 ...J Skevington 1
Benedit, Mr G Busley, 4, 10 10 ...W Heavey 2
Cornkiss, Mr D Gales, 4, 10 5 (Bendex' sel) ...A Goodwill 3

Also: Golden Patriot (J Cox), Dusky Prince (E Taylor), Eliensaint (Mr G L Smith), Monsieur Neuf (Mr J D Anderson), Castlegate (L Tidey). Successful (Colin Richards), Mountain Maid (W Hollick), Santa Lucia (B Robinson). Eleven ran.

S.P.—11—8 Cornkiss, 11—2 Benedit, 7 Dusky Prince, 8 Mountain Maid, Chestnut, 100—8 Golden Patriot, Successful, 100—6 others. Tote.—Win, 54s; places, 9s 6d, 4s 9d, 2s 6d.

Four lengths; two. Dusky Prince fourth. Garnemuth, weighed out for by Mr A Parker, unseated his jockey at the post and number was withdrawn. Laurence, Bolsham. Winner bought in for 220gns. Time, 4mins. 3 2-5secs.

3-30—BOREHAM (S) H'CAP 'CHASE. Value £65. Two miles.

Small Polly, b g by Junior—Polista, Mr J R Canty, 10, 10 3 .....W Davies 1
Rathkeevan, Mr P K Crowther, 8, 9 11 ...J Baxter 2
Battle Array, Mr R Van den Bergh, 13, 10 13 (The Scout's sel) .....J Kerr 3

Also: Monachy (L. Agar), Student Prince (Mr P Cazalet). Five ran.

S.P.—5—4 Student Prince, 3 Battle Array, 4 Rathkeevan, 6 Small Polly, 100—7 Monachy. Tote.—Win, 21s 9d; places, 7s 6d, 4s 6d.

Three lengths; two. Only three finished. Canty, Sevenoaks. No bid for the winner. Time, 4mins 33 2-5secs.

4.0—BILLERICAY 'CHASE. Value £63. Two miles.

Hibiscus, ch g by Lightning Artist—Old Virginia, Mr G J Hurst, 5, 10 9 ...T Elder 1
Solray, Lady M Gamble, 10, 11 2 ...Mr O L Smith 2

Also: Astraham (E O Brown). Three ran.

S.P.—11—10 Hibiscus, 5—4 Astraham, 7 Solray. Tote.—Win, 4s; forecast 12s.

Six lengths. Only two finished. Thrale, W Horsley. Time, 4mins 45 1-5secs.

4.30—MALDON H'CAP 'CHASE. Value £63. Three miles.

Guy Mannering, ch g by Buchan—Coucy, Mrs J C Russell, 9, 12 (The Scout's and Bendex' sel) .....M Pringle 1
Per Cent, Mr P Pinch, 9, 11 .....E C Brown 2
Home Ruler, Mr J Little, 11, 10 10 R Eggley 3

Also: Conqueror III (Mr A Ballard), Rockmill (T F Morgan), Jason (J Baxter), Non Plus (Mr G ... Smith). Seven ran.

S.P.—4—7 Guy Mannering, 3 Per Cent, 10 Tuckmill, 100—8 Home Ruler, Non Plus, 20 others. Tote.—Win, 5s; places, 2s 5d, 3s 3d, 5d.

Half a length; six. Non Plus fourth. T R Leader, Newmarket. Time, 6mins 32 4-5secs.

TOTE DOUBLE.—Chest