'National' is nap for Cup record

LAST NIGHT'S CALL-OVER

FAIR JUDGEMENT was made a clear 19—2 favourite at last night's call-over on the Lincoln Handicap.

Drakkar came down more than five points from his previous call-over odds to close second favourite at 100—9.

LINCOLN HANDICAP
Run March 19. One mile.

19—2	Fair Judgement	20—1	Saurnod
100—9	Drakkar	22—1	Crown Flatts
100—7	Minster Lovell	22—1	Romano
100—6	Coldsbourough	25—1	Star Signal
		33—1	Bar 8

GRAND NATIONAL
Run March 26. 4 miles. 856 yds.

100—7	Cromwell	25—1	Royal Mount
18—1	Glencarrig	25—1	Ulster Monarch
18—1	Roimond	28—1	Rowland Roe
20—1	Brloett	28—1	Silver Fame
25—1	Happy Home	33—1	Dar 10
25—1	Cavaliero		

Riddle-Me-Ree

By G. H. T.

My first gives you the bird whichever way you look at it.
My next when cut and shaped will help you make that tasty hit.
My whole may win the 1.30 race.

VATELYS AS SAVER

By THE SCOUT

THE outlook remains good for the opening of Cheltenham's annual National Hunt Meeting of all the talents today when National Spirit will bid for a record hat-trick of Champion Hurdle Cup wins.

Even the reception given Golden Miller when he won five Gold Cups off the reel over fences would be eclipsed if "National" returned to the winner's stall for unsaddling at about ten minutes past three today.

Good horses always have critics in preliminary performances that lead up to the great occasion.

I accepted, however, excuses for his Plumpton tumble ("he doesn't do that sort of thing") and saw nothing of the old man about the eight-year-old when he subsequently won a muddling race at Sandown.

Admittedly he had little to do—but they won't dawdle today, and the going should suit his stamina.

Though there is no Le Paillon (unlucky Gallic invader of 1947) to bring such class against him this time, a "Frenchman" might again be runner-up.

Tant Pis would also be fancied on suitable going, but from what I saw at Birmingham, Vatelys may (on 7lb. better terms) prevent Shining Gold from again making all the running.

CAPTAIN FOX

Despite a lapse last time out, Gordon-Bowsher still believes he has a crackerjack in four-year-old stayer Captain Fox. I prefer him to Benedictine.

Anglesey goes on improving. Ballindine's connections are hopeful, and there are many other possibles, but more than loyalty compels me to nap National Spirit (3.0) to score for his new "Champion" rider Bryan Marshall and give Vic Smyth his fifth training success in the event.

Vatelys is a suggested each-way saver—in case "the pitcher . . ."

Cheltenham, like Ascot, is never a "one-race feature," for there is always an excellent supporting card on all three days.

Cresta Cup (1.30) may lead off and profit by the expected absence of Croupier. And Hal o' the Wynd (4.30) will be a stronger fancy with ride it.

a danger like Dark Awakening out of the way.

Royal Oak IV. (3.30) is now fancied as a juvenile chaser against promising winners like Troonbay and Laisser Passer.

Leading point-to-point winner Coppon Abdale (2.15) took a hunters' race at Wincanton, and is confidently expected to add the United Hunts' Cup with Mr. Joe Spencer in the saddle.

Carrick Castle is the right type

By BENDEX

THOUGH Cheltenham's fences are of regulation height—a minimum of 4ft. 6ins. is the official stipulation—its undulations and turns make it the most difficult steeplechase course in the country after Aintree.

So we have what is known as the Cheltenham type of 'chaser (as distinct from the "park" performer)—a horse who "stands back" and measures the fence instead of treating it like a hurdle.

Carrick Castle (4.0) proved himself the right type when carrying (2st. 7lb. to east victory over two miles there in October. He got three miles (today's distance) easily enough when he beat Glengarra at Sandown last April.

Royal Oak IV. (3.30), easy winner of three juvenile hurdle races this season—at Manchester, Windsor, and Lingfield—tackles fences for the first time in public. His practice spins have been encouraging, and stable money will be on.

If there is any danger to National Spirit, Captain Fox (3.0) may pro-

CHELTENHAM RUNNERS AND RIDERS

1.30—GLOUCESTERSHIRE HURDLE (Div I). £500. 2m (few yards.

221 Broken Dawn (Walwyn). 6, 11 10 ... E Marshall
1 Cresta Cup (I Anthony). 5, 11 0 ... Mr Davey
231 Fellside (Pore'). 5, 11 3 ... Pat Doyle
000 Little Statute (Warren). 6, 11 0 ... E G Taylor
Mariner's Light (Ireland). 6, 11 0 ... Brabazon
000 Brenda M (Williams). 7, 11 0 ... Mr A Williams
0 Swan Dhu. 5, 10 10 ... John Hunter
Johnny Grow (Ireland). 5, 10 10 ... Mr Grow
40 Town Crier (Phillips). 5, 10 10 ... W Power
422 Bow and Arrow (Morris). 5, 10 10 ... G Kelly
332 French Wedding (Gee Wilson). 4, 10 7 ... Brecan
424 Dordillim (Elwell). 4, 10 0 ... Kidney
00 Yonder Hill (Hames). 4, 10 0 ... J Moloney
000 Wayward Star (Perry). 4, 10 0 ... E Murray
Perfect (Wells). 4, 10 0 ... —
00 Roll Call (de Mercville). 4, 10 0 ... Vowles
King's Maid (Vatan). 4, 10 0 ... O'Connor

Daily Express Betting Forecast.—15—8 Cresta Cup, 4 Bow and Arrow, 11—2 Mariner's Light, 8 French Wedding, 10 Broken Dawn, Fellside, 100—7 Dordillim, 25 others.

2.15—UNITED HUNTS CUP. £500 added. 3m 4f.

00 Limosel. 9, 12 7 ... —
02 Rising. 7, 12 7 ... Mr M Tate
001 Compton Abdale (Bruton). 10, 12 7 ... Mr Spencer
Hampton Silver (Beechener). 14, 12 7 ... Mr Cameron
104 Homefinder (F Rimell). 9, 12 7 ... Mr Parker
003 Sutton Courtenay (McMullen). 9, 12 7 ... Col Holman
Officer's Brother (Cockburn). 10, 12 7 ... Mr Dunlop
0 Michael IV (Crew). 4, 12 7 ... Mr Shilham
000 Ringaskiddy (Crew). 12, 12 7 ... Mr Shilham
21 Bildare. 9, 12 7 ... Mr Daniell
0 Cornbrook (Gaskell). 9, 12 7 ... —
300 Magic Mine. 8, 12 7 ... Mr Dufosse
Coswold Countess. 17, 12 7 ... Major Gresham
Steel Glider (Hobbs). 8, 12 7 ... Mr W Hobbs
Joystick II. 12, 12 7 ... Mr Boster
0 Pelsford. 13, 12 7 ... Mr H Husby
000 Pixybill. 14, 12 7 ... Mr G Husby
Calommy's First. 11, 12 7 ... Mr A Kent
Brio. 4, 12 7 ... Mr Kerby
3 Vinty. 9, 12 7 ... —
130 Knockalong (Knipe). 12, 12 7 ... Col Llewellyn
330 Another Drumbuie (Lane). 11, 12 7 ... Mr Poole
0 Vain Travers (Marsh). 10, 12 7 ... Mr Hodgetts
The Lad. 10, 12 7 ... Mr S Maundrell
Prince Carol. 7, 12 7 ... Mr C Heath
Cool Defender. 11, 12 7 ... Mr Neill
020 Blue Jock (Neill). 11, 12 7 ... Mr Neill
040 Carsiego. 12, 12 7 ... Mr Symonds
0 The Skipper IV (Parker-Jervis). 9, 12 7 ... Mr Parker-Jervis
Air Ace. 9, 12 7 ... Mr Corbett
120 Monk's Crest (Rushton). 8, 12 7 ... Mr Crich
00 Golden Dragoon. 8, 12 7 ... Mr Boyce
03 Jury Star. 7, 12 7 ... —
Tanga III. 9, 12 7 ... Mr C Weaving
Corvimine. 9, 12 7 ... Mr Midway
Sandringham (de Moraville). 9, 12 7 ... —
000 Windsor Love (Gaskell). 5, 11 12 ... —

Daily Express Betting Forecast.—3 Compton Abdale, 9—2 Bildare, 6 Sutton Courtenay, 8 Magic Mine, 100—8 Monk's Crest, Homefinder, 20 Blue Jock, Fighter, Sandringham, 33 others.

3.0—CHAMPION HURDLE CUP. £2,000. 2m few yds.

101 National Spirit (V Smyth). 8, 12 0 ... Mr Marshall
200 Admiral John (Hanley). 9, 12 0 ... Hanley
334 Wolfschmidt (Champness). 9, 12 0 ... Reaves
0 Hatton's Grace (Ireland). 9, 12 0 ... Brabazon
012 Tant Pis (Goldsmith). 7, 12 0 ... Bates
3 Vatelys (Goldsmith). 6, 12 0 ... T Molony
3 Gallant Soul (Morris). 6, 12 0 ... O Kelly
440 Hatton O'Chatham (Ireland). 6, 12 0 ... —
101 Shining Gold (Crump). 6, 12 0 ... A P Thompson
203 Secret Service (Walwyn). 6, 12 0 ... Turnell
212 Ballindine (F Rimell). 6, 12 0 ... Vinall
011 Sweet Treat (R Ward). 6, 12 0 ... Ward
131 Anglesey (Ingham). 7, 12 0 ... Gilbert
12 Benedicine (Mercer). 5, 12 0 ... —
114 Captain Fox (G-Bowsher). 4, 11 0 ... K Mullins

Daily Express Betting Forecast.—7—4 National Spirit, 9—2 Vatelys, 11—2 Captain Fox, 7 Shining Gold, 10 Anglesey, Hatton's Grace, 100—8 Secret Service, 100—7 Ballindine, Gallant Soul, 100—6 School Treat, Robin of Chantry, 25 others.

3.30—NATIONAL HUNT JUVENILE CHASE. £500 added. 2m.

421 Timbuctoo (I Anthony). 4, 12 7 ... J Molony
331 Troonbay (Fassett). 4, 12 7 ... Murphy
031 Prince Walvis (Street). 4, 12 7 ... Turnell
211 Laisser Passer (I Anthony). 4, 12 7 ... Grantham
123 Batanian II (Dick). 4, 12 0 ... D V Dick
332 French Wedding (Gee Wilson). 4, 12 0 ... O Gorman
03 Pluck (W Kelly). 4, 11 0 ... O Kelly
020 Drumahill (Wight). 8, 10 10 ... Capt J E Smith
202 September Air (Kilpatrick). 9, 10 10 ... Mal Blacker
324 Mbarga (Gee Wilson). 9, 10 10 ... Gp-Capt Stephenson
040 Petrograd (North). 12, 10 10 ... Mr G North
200 Knight of the Deep (Seely). 9, 10 10 ... Mr T Seely
320 Foyle College (K Bailey). 13, 10 10 ... Mr Parker

Daily Express Betting Forecast.—7—2 Drumahill, 5—2 Carrick Castle, 6 Sequence, 8 Air Ace, 8 Skouras, Cadamstown, 10 Foyle College, 100—8 Mbarga, Jack Tatters, 100—6 Bomber Command, Rearmament, 20 others.

4.30—GLOUCESTERSHIRE HURDLE (Div II). £500. 2m few yds.

10 On View (Walwyn). 6, 11 10 ... B Marshall
100 Evander (Elwell). 5, 11 6 ... Sprague
1 Hal o' the Wynd (Street). 5, 11 6 ... Moranan
000 British Fighter (Doherty). 6, 11 0 ... Doherty
Ivan Louis de Belford (G Laurence). 5, 10 10 ... Mr Bosley
0 Florlam (H Barkell). 5, 10 10 ... Wyse
Hunrod II (Carrick). 5, 10 10 ... Gilbert
000 Ice Blond (Holland). 5, 10 10 ... Miles
0 Hrropmun (Ley). 5, 10 10 ... F Lewis
00 Beco (F Rimell). 5, 10 10 ... Vinall
330 Silver Pencil (B Hobbs). 5, 10 10 ... Turnell
302 Slate Coach (Heath). 5, 10 10 ... Laver
301 Coup d'Epee (Powell). 4, 10 7 ... Pat Doyle
03 Out Out II (Goldsmith). 4, 10 7 ... Bates
000 Keerayay (R M Day). 4, 10 0 ... Walshe
020 Fearful Smokes (Ger Wilson). 4, 10 0 ... Stephens
3 Mass (F Cundell). 4, 10 0 ... Gulick
0 Baltimore II (G Laurence). 4, 10 0 ... Mullins
004 Admirable II (Elwell). 4, 10 0 ... Kidney
200 Tough Guy (I Anthony). 4, 10 0 ... Dutton
0 Haberdasher (Yates). 4, 10 0 ... O'Connor
000 Dilly Fontaine (Worster). 4, 10 0 ... Mullins
0 Tit Willow (Mercer). 4, 10 0 ... Mullins

Daily Express Betting Forecast.—11—4 Hal o' the Wynd, 4 Touch Guy, 7—2 Florlam, 6 Mass, 11, 8 Coup d'Epee, Out Out II, 10 Evander, 100—8 Silver Pencil, Tit Willow, 25 others.

TOTE DOUBLE.—3.0 and 4.0.

Selections

THE SCOUT	COURSE CORR.
1.30 Cresta Cup	1.30 Cresta Cup
2.15 Compton Abdale (n.b.)	2.15 Knockalong
3.0 National Spirit (nap and Vatelys each-way)	3.0 National Spirit
3.30 Royal Oak IV	3.30 Royal Oak IV
4.0 Skouras	4.0 September Air
4.30 Hal o' the Wynd	4.30 Hal o' the Wynd

SCOUT'S DOUBLE.—Compton Abdale and National Spirit.

CLIVE GRAHAM.—1.30, Cresta Cup. 3.0 Anglesey (n.a.). 3.30, Laisser Passer (nap).

FORM.—1.30, Broken Dawn. 2.15, Bildare. 3.0 National Spirit. 3.30, Timbuctoo. 4.0, Cadamstown. 4.30, Hal o' the Wynd.

Quadrille III. (Keith). 11, 0 ... Wyse
111 Royal Oak IV (Goldsmith). 11, 0 ... Bates
000 Manxman (Boothby). 11, 0 ... Hannigan
103 Kingsbridge (Nicholls). 11, 0 ... Nicholls
000 Southtown Lad (Crump). 11, 0 ... A P Thompson

Daily Express Betting Forecast.—4—1 Royal Oak IV, 5 Laisser Passer, 9—2 Troonbay, 8 Kingsbridge, 10 Prince Walvis, Timbuctoo, 100—8 Ratabian II, 25 others.

4.0—KIM MEMORIAL CUP. £500 added. 3m.

000 Jack Tatters (Walwyn). 11, 12 2 ... Ld Milbank
111 Carrick Castle (K Cundell). 10, 11 8 ... Gulick
020 Cadamstown (Pexell). 9, 11 ... Capt Bayley
000 Rearmament (Norris). 9, 11 ... Col Holman
103 Skouras (Delahooke). 9, 11 5 ... —
0 Trimaroma (F Maxwell). 12, 11 5 ... Mr Kirkby
110 The Wicked Uncle (Clapp). 7, 11 1 ... Mr Poole
000 Bomber Command (Andrews). 10, 11 0 ... Capt Beech
040 Morning Star II (Street-Scott). 9, 10 10 ... Mal Gresham

HINTS FOR POOLS FANS

Home spread to find eight

SEASON'S form is not an infallible guide to games in the last two months. Danger of relegation, prospects of promotion give players added incentive to that extra effort which wrecks form.

Prudence suggests spreading your risk in the Home and Away Pools.

Of teams at home next Saturday, Arsenal, the revived Aston Villa, Derby, Wolves, the much-improved Cardiff, Fulham, Luton, Southampton, Norwich, Crewe, New Brighton, Clyde, and Hearts have the best recent home records, give you a choice for a permutation for eight from ten.

Always look more obvious. Of the teams listed under "Best Aways," Dundee, Tottenham, Sunderland, Hull, and Doncaster give a choice of four from five. These blurbs include all League, Cup, and friendly matches:—

Best HOME Teams:—

17 wins in 19 games, Swansea; 14 in 16, Derby County, Southampton; 17 in 20, Portsmouth; 15 in 18, Notts County; 12 in 13, Hull; 14 in 18, Rotherham; 13 in 18, Grays; 13 in 17, Raith Rovers, Stirling Albion; 12 in 16, West Bromwich, Reading; 11 in 15, Glasgow Rangers; 12 in 14, Arsenal, Tottenham, Carlisle; 11 in 16, Bristol Rovers, Norwich, Dundee, Airdrieonians; 10 in 13, East Fife; 9 in 14, Cardiff, Falkirk.

Worst HOME Teams:—

2 wins in 13 games, Southport; 3 in 15, Huddersfield; 4 in 15, Southend, Watford, Albion Rovers, Dumbarton; 5 in 15, Lincoln, Crystal Palace; 5 in 14, Grimsby, Clyde; 5 in 15, Liverpool, Notts Forest; 5 in 15, Aldershot; 5 in 14, Morton.

Best AWAY Teams:—

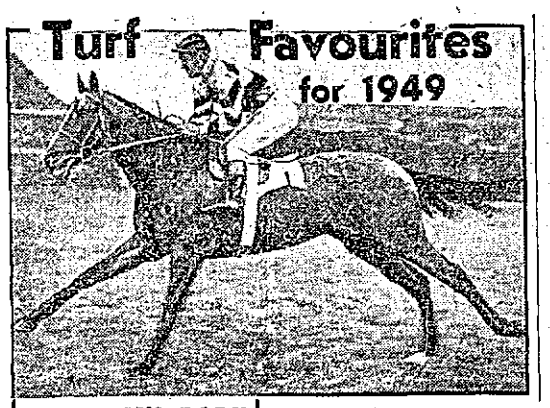
12 wins in 18 games, Dundee; 11 in 17, Hibernian; 10 in 16, Bournemouth; 11 in 18, Hull; 10 in 18, Darlington, East Fife, Raith Rovers; 8 in 16, Stirling Albion; 11 in 20, Glasgow Rangers; 8 in 17, Dunfermline; 7 in 16, Doncaster; 5 in 14, Gateshead.

Worst AWAY Teams:—

No win in 17 games, Accrington; 0 in 16, East Stirling; 1 in 15, Huddersfield; 1 in 17, Middlesbrough, Watford, Stenhousemuir; 1 in 16, Berwick, Brentford; 1 in 15, Lincoln, Plymouth, Bradford City; 1 in 14, Leeds, Albion Rovers; 1 in 13, Aberdeen.

RUGBY CLUB RECORDS (including yesterday)

	W	D	L	Pts F	Pts A
Aberavon	18	5	5	284	120
Abercarn	17	2	9	227	110
Abertillery	8	8	13	106	193
Aldershot Ser	9	1	10	159	204
Bank of Eng	11	1	8	154	113
Barclays Bnk	15	2	6	286	135
Barking P.M.O.B.	20	1	1	289	49
Barnstaple	16	2	14	220	187
Bath	16	5	10	227	202
Beckenham	2	2	20	75	294
Bec O.B.	11	1	8	232	143
Bedford	11	3	7	133	141
Bideford	18	3	6	251	162
Birmingham	8	3	15	203	193
Blackheath	21	1	7	148	266
Borderers	11	0	2	311	52
Bournemouth	8	0	14	163	244
Bridgend	11	2	11	161	146
Bridgwater	17	2	10	292	103
Brixton	13	0	7	230	107
Bristol	13	3	10	251	197
Brixham	21	3	7	350	163
Burton	15	0	7	237	135
Camborne	5	3	16	137	158
Cambridge U	14	0	8	296	167
C'up H'l O.B.	19	2	4	229	121
Cardiff	21	2	2	411	143
Catford Bdge	12	1	10	196	277
Chelmsford	9	1	11	116	205
Cheltenham	20	2	5	302	170
Chichester	13	2	4	211	91
Chiltern	15	0	4	288	91
Chingford	8	1	10	130	161
Civil Service	17	2	1	321	56
Clifton	14	2	8	288	146
Coventry	16	1	8	283	175
Cross Keys	14	5	9	177	142
Derby Tigers	13	1	7	241	174
Devon't Bar	9	3	17	227	375
Dorking	13	1	5	235	114
Exeter	4	1	18	124	317
Exeter Wake	18	1	8	154	119
Esher	11	3	7	206	142
Exeter	19	1	4	270	93
Falmouth	10	8	10	137	146
Finchley	8	3	11	113	130
Ford	12	2	6	214	114
Gees Park	13	2	6	214	114
Gloucester	14	3	11	298	23
Guildford	16	2	4	234	73
Guy's Hosp	13	2	11	253	182
Harlequins	12	0	11	238	213
Harlow	14	1	4	211	85
Harrow	16	4	6	335	127
Hendon	15	0	4	235	106
Hertfd'shire	5	3	8	132	132
Ipswich	13	0	10	261	227
Kenilworth	20	3	3	223	92
Kidderm'ster	16	4	6	198	145
Leamington	5	4	19	89	203
Leicester	12	1	6	230	101
Llanelly	13	0	18	206	268
London Hosp	8	2	11	150	267
London Irish	14	1	5	280	143
London Scots	14	1	7	298	203
London Welsh	10	1	12	203	174
Lougnboro'	12	1	9	143	164
Lydney	9	4	12	196	257
Lyons	8	0	13	143	224
Maesteg	22	0	4	398	125
Metro Police	14	1	7	236	185
Middlesbrough	10	4	12	206	227
Mill Hill	9	3	8	146	179
Mossley	14	4	8	266	143
Mosley	11	0	7	148	266
Nat Prov Bk	13	1	7	185	132
Neath	15	4	12	205	214
Newbridge	20	1	4	303	66
Newbury	16	3	6	235	144
Newport	17	2	8	374	133
Northampt'n	22	2	6	379	133
Norwich	14	3	6	331	161
Nottingham	10	1	13	196	197
Nuneaton	14	1	11	244	195
O Albanian	15	3	4	203	118
O Alleynians	13	2	6	194	138
O Askeans	12	2	6	241	138
O Bancroft's	9	2	7	158	117
O Bedes	10	1	7	167	258
O Brockleians	7	3	10	186	178
O Centrals	3	4	7	174	78
O Citizens	7	3	8	141	175
O Colfeian	12	4	3	198	136
O Craig'ghians	1	0	19	81	362
O Croydon'ns	14	1	4	229	178
O Dartfordians	9	1	12	122	177
O Dixonians	15	1	8	219	169
O Dulwichians	15	1	8	219	143
O Edward'ns	15	1	10	294	231
O Elizab'ns	4	3	3	271	161
O Emanuelians	3	1	11	124	214
O Emanuel	14	2	4	322	75
O Gaytonians	9	3	11	140	187
O Grey'ns	13	1	6	213	78
O Haileybury'ns	14	1	9	232	150
O Haileyb'ns	2	0	19	68	320
O Hen'ry'ns	11	1	7	169	84
O Lesians	2	1	15	87	302
O Missionaries	9	2	13	136	243
O Mitcham'ns	9	1	9	177	205
O Mulbillians	7	3	11	147	178
O Mosleians	10	2	10	189	117
O Wilkin'ns	15	2	8	170	120
O Patesan	15	3	4	193	109
O Paulines	5	3	16	110	264
O Red'ck's'ns	11	2	8	181	203
O Reigatians	14	1	5	207	128
O Rutlishians	10	1	9	167	161
O St'ly'ns	18	1	3	304	50
O Suttonians	18	1	3	337	98
O Tiffinians	10	1	10	198	165
O Tottenham'ns	19	1	1	338	105
O Wilson's	11	4	3	159	97
O Westcliff's	20	2	2	300	68
O Whitgiftians	13	0	7	244	125
O Wycombe's	17	2	3	303	69
Otterley	9	3	8	167	163
Oxford Blues	4	0	7	104	157
Oxford Univ	17	1	3	321	150
Paignton	19	2	12	344	227
Penarth	9	2	21	198	325
Penryn	9	1	10	326	140
Penzance & N	15	0	15	159	237
Pontypool	14	5	10	205	116
Pontypridd	14	5	10	202	116
Portsmouth	11	1	12	192	194
Pub Schools W	10	1	13	269	253
Redruth	20	1	2	422	154
Richmond	8	0	16	186	301
Rockcester	9	3	12	164	177
Rosslyn Park	13	1	8	264	150
Rugby	11	1	11	192	158
St Bart's Hsp	15	0	16	241	319
St Ives	14	1	5	241	89
St Mary's H	14	1	11	284	214
Saracens	19	3	1	375	68
Sevenoaks	16	3	11	218	202
Sidcup	8	1	11	144	187
Sidmouth	15	2	11	344	146
S. East Ctc	17	2	3	372	77
Staines	9	2	13	163	145
Strasham	14	1	7	244	166
Sunbury	14	2	7	229	178
Sutton	10	2	10	167	145
Swansea	22	2	7	327	300
Swinton	10	2	10	133	170
Taunton	11	7	13	150	149
Teignmouth	11	7	10	292	184
Thames Ward	14	1	5	277	104
Tonbridge	13	1	6	182	199
Torquay	22	4	4	318	148
Tottenham	14	2	4	269	113
Twickenham	5	2	12	123	235
Old Services	11	1	16	228	291
Old Vardals	15	1	4	269	115
U.C.S. O. B's	5	1	13	95	202
Upper Clapton	6	3	10	115	142
Walsall	10	2	12	149	149
Wanstead	8	0	11	199	148
Warlingham	9	1	10	120	179
Wasps	14	1	6	252	161
Weston-s-M	17	4	5	246	114
Weymouth	13	4	6	173	120
Windsor	16	1	3	298	56
Woodford	16	1	3	348	73
Wythenshawe	15	4	3	224	58



No. 7: MY BABU

Bay colt by Djebel out of Perfume (Badruddin).

Owner, the Maharajah of Baroda; trainer, F. Armstrong.

READERS may question the wisdom of naming this four-year-old as a favourite racehorse. They will have in mind his series of defeats after his cleverly gained Two Thousand Guineas victory.

But . . . no one can help liking this beautifully modelled, kind-tempered, attractive, little colt.

When one comes to review the circumstances, that was a grand race he ran to finish fourth in last year's Derby. Remember that he was stopped working for a fortnight in a crucial stage of his preparation, and that he was buffeted and nearly knocked over in the scrimmaging round Tattenham Corner.

He had a hard race, and it was realised later in the season that he has definite stamina limitations.

The Derby, undoubtedly, made considerable inroads upon his reserves of strength and vitality. So I am prepared to gloss over his subsequent record.

A winter's rest has done much for him. Although still a small horse, he seems to have grown a little bit, and he is certainly not short of muscle and substance over his back and quarters.

Even more important, he has got again that wilanting look, which is easier to recognise than it is to define.

A mile to ten furlongs will be his best distance, and he will never be troubled by firm going. Charlie Smirke, who may make 1949 his last season as a jockey, is the ideal rider for him.

And no one can teach "Sam" Armstrong anything about placing his charges to the utmost advantage in their chosen races.

—Clive Graham—

2 DAYS—11 WICKETS

Billy Wade hits his first Test 100

From FRANK ROSTRON: Port Elizabeth, Monday

WITH only 11 wickets down on the first two days of the four-day match, and no sign of rain to wake up the batsmen or the spectators, the fifth Test moves inexorably to an anti-climactic draw that will leave England winners of the 20-day rubber—by a leg-bye scored in semi-dark at Durban.

It seems that the impotent South African batsmen, who this morning had neither the skill nor the daring to penetrate a purely defensive field, have transformed all the warm hopes encouraged by Nourse's "With me it is all or nothing" policy into another cold war of attrition.

England, at 80 for one, are 299 behind the Springboks' total of 379.

Only consolation for another of these bleak draws will be that on today's additional evidence the better team will have won the rubber.

We had a familiar dollop of mildewed Mitchell this morning, but it was rather more easy to digest because there was bright, swaggering Billy Wade at the other end.

Wade, at least, made an effort to indicate that cricket is a game to be decided by scoring runs and whacked the ball hard, though he could not effectively penetrate the tight field fast enough to jack up the Springboks' scoring rate even to a run a minute.

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This was chiefly because of Bedser's sustained accuracy—he took four for 61—and Jack Young's faultless length, which gave him a freakish bowling analysis (0—122) marked by no tangible reward.

But everyone—the England players included—rejoiced in Billy's first Test century. It was a great effort, even though he took 290 minutes for his 125.

Bruce Mitchell committed belated hara-kiri with his score at 99 by hanging out his bat limply—for the third time in the same over—to an outswinger from Bedser well outside the off-stump. Thus he was deprived of a record of eight Test centuries against England.

I could feel no sympathy for Bruce, who squandered his own and his team's opportunities profligately during his six and a half hours' squatting.

At the start of the England innings Hutton and Washbrook were so much the masters of the pace-bowlers that they threatened to give a lesson in fast scoring.

But spinner Athol Rowan tied them both up completely, should have had Washbrook's wicket before he did, and finally was unlucky not to get Crapp's. He again proved the best bowler on either side.

Scoreboard

SOUTH AFRICA.—First Innings

E Rowan c Watkins b Gladwin ... 3
A Mitchell b Griffith b Bedser ... 99
K Viljoen b Bedser ... 2
A Nourse b Bedser ... 73
W Wade c Compton b Jenkins ... 125
J Cheetham c & b Bedser ... 2
D Dawson c Gladwin b Jenkins ... 20
A Rowan not out ... 29
J Tuckett b Jenkins ... 2
N Mann c Compton b Gladwin ... 11
C McCarthy b Gladwin ... 3
B 2, lb 5, nb 3 ... 10
Total ... 379

Bowling.—Bedser 38-9-61-4. Gladwin 30.5-6-74-3. Jenkins 35.2-5-3-3. Watkins 5-0-24-0. Young 48-9-122-0. Compton 7-0-38-0.

Fall of Wickets. 1—10. 2—13. 3—114. 4—264. 5—282. 6—330. 7—336. 8—338. 9—375.

ENGLAND.—First Innings

L Hutton not out ... 37
C Washbrook c Dawson b A Rowan 36
J Crapp not out ... 2
Lb ... 5
Total (1 wkt) ... 80

Scottish Cup draw

Draw for the Scottish Cup semi-finals (March 26, 3.0) made yesterday is:—

Clyde v. Dundee, at Hibernian ground, Edinburgh.

Rangers v. East Fife, at Hampden Park, Glasgow.

Kent lose three

Three Bromley forwards, Cyril Martin, Tommy Hopper, and Reg Dunmall, last night cried-off from the Kent side to play Essex in the Southern Counties Championship quarter-final at Romford tomorrow.

Last night's dogs

SOUTHEND. — 7.15 Lingfield Chanter, 13—8 (F 5-1 14/9). 7.35 Kite Letter, 2—1 (F 9-4 11/10). 7.55 Hunston Sunset, 2—1 (F 4-1 23/9). 8.17 Pudding Square, 20—1 (F 6-1 12/1). 8.39 Another Baby, Shonskin, 2—1 (F 3-1 11/9). 9.1 Prolactin, 7—2 (F 2-1 23/5). 9.23 Topical Talk, 9—4 (F 7-4 7/4). 9.45 Master Namno, 5—2 J-f (F 3-2 39/-).

Tonight's fancies

OXFORD.—7.0 Wharf Monarch. 7.17 Kilnan Spur. 7.34 Cameo Rattler. 7.52 Newtown Wonder. 8.10 Rhodesian Enterprise. 8.30 Tams Triumph. 8.50 Harrogate Rupert. 9.10 Homefield Sand.

'HELP US' PLEA TO SOLOMONS

LOUIS STARTS U.S. BOXING PANIC

By FRANK BUTLER

THE New York Sock Exchange has crashed now that Joe Louis has ceased to be a fighter in order to be a promoter and Mike Jacobs has ceased to be a promoter in order to enjoy the sunshine of Miami a few years longer.

The panic-stricken successors of the fading Uncle Mike's Twentieth Century Sporting Club yesterday pleaded with London's Jack Solomons over the telephone to allow Lee Savold to fight Freddie Mills or Bruce Woodcock for the vacant world's heavyweight title at the Yankee Stadium in September.

But, in spite of what you hear, you can take it from me that now Solomons has a chance of realising his life ambition of staging a world heavyweight title fight in London he is not going to allow this sweet-dish to slip through his fingers.

It is a triumph for Solomons and British boxing that the once smart boys of Jacobs Beach are pleading with him to allow them to sign up an American fighter and to agree to a British heavyweight as the No. 1 contender, and are inviting him to share in the promotion in little old New York.

It shows that the New York heavyweight boxing cupboard is bare. It shows the desperation of the Twentieth Century Club now that their life contract with Louis is over, and the Brown Bomber has thumbed his nose at them, setting up as a rival promoter and "stealing" Ezzard Charles to fight Jersey Joe Walcott in June.

The financial success of Jacobs and of Louis was not in the amount of peanuts they shelled from the annual title fight in June, but in their percentage from television, radio, and film rights.

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