

HAS RICHARDS PICKED THE RIGHT ONE?



G. Richards.

Medieval Knight Left to Steve Donoghue for the Derby

EASTON'S PROGRESS

The Aga Khan's Trio Still Setting a Big Problem

GENERAL anticipations were fulfilled on Saturday when Fred Darling announced that Gordon Richards—who has never won a Derby—would ride Easton at Epsom on Wednesday, leaving Steve Donoghue, who has won the race four times—to ride Medieval Knight. Lo Zingaro is still "doubtful" unless rain falls heavily, and as that appears highly improbable it looks as if we can count on the absence of the best bred horse in the race.

The Beckhampton trainer did not add any particulars as to Saturday's gallop, which I have been able to gather was not nearly such a testing spin as has been anticipated. According to all accounts, Easton has shown such marked improvement during the last week or so that a severe test five days before the race was not necessary to determine Richards in his choice of mounts.

Easton Stays

When Easton first went to Beckhampton I believe there were doubts about his stamina. At least he was a bit of a puller, and such horses often fail to stay. Gradually, however, he settled down to his work, and it looks as if Richards will on Wednesday have the best chance that has come his way so far at Epsom. Easton is certainly the Wiltshire favourite, but with a wholesome dread of Colombo, the experts in a district from which so many Derby winners have come reckon him only "good, each way." But has Richards picked the right one?

But whatever Wiltshire thinks about the respective merits of Easton and Medieval Knight there is no doubt what will be the most popular each-way bet with the great British public. It is nine years since Donoghue won his last Derby, but his hands have not lost their cunning, as we have seen on so many occasions lately, and he has certainly lost none of the faith the man-and-woman in the street has always had in him as "the" jockey for Epsom.

The Knight's Price

At the last call-over Medieval Knight's price was 33 to 1. The doubts about Lo Zingaro caused subsequently a drop to 28's in the offices, and now that it is known definitely that Donoghue will ride it will no doubt be clipped still further—probably to round about 20 to 1. Easton is also tolerably sure to be at less than his previous price of 10 to 1, but the general tightening up of the front rankers may not come until the final call-over to-morrow evening.

Any idea that Frank Butters would depart from his usual custom and formally try his three runners was knocked on the head when Umidwar parted company with Badruddin and Alishah again on Saturday to do another gallop with Felicitation. The chief hope of the stable again stuck well to the older horse, but there is still a feeling among many good judges at Newmarket that the race will come a bit too soon for him.

Colombo's Gallop

Bondsman caused a bit of a stir in the betting last week, and as a result he has received more attention from the "men of observation" than would have otherwise been the case. Apparently they see in him a much-improved colt, but surely they are looking for a turf miracle if they are looking for him to beat Colombo, who on Saturday treated Buckland as he treats everything else he goes with at home.

Admiral Drake had the luck of a smooth crossing on Saturday, and his trainer, who brought Palais Royal here a few years ago, says that the French colt has come to win. On the other side he was reckoned in front of Easton, but I cannot think that a colt not good enough to win the French Guineas will be good enough to win our Derby with Colombo in the field.

Hard going has caused the scratching of Achtena, and it may also lead to the absence of Patriot King in addition to Lo Zingaro. At any rate Mr. James de Rothschild's colt is announced as a doubtful starter unless rain falls. Meanwhile they are not worrying

whether it is hard or soft for Colombo. Really great horses can go on all sorts of going and all sorts of courses.

The South African boy jockey, Terry Ryan, who is only fourteen years of age, rode his first winner in this country when he was successful on Don't Care in the Castle Selling Handicap at Windsor on Saturday. Ryan, whose father is a leading trainer in South Africa, came to this country last season, and had his first mount here on Hand of Glory in last year's Chester Cup. Ryan won his first race at the age of eleven, and prior to leaving Durban had ridden nineteen winners in South Africa.

Cheery Jack Sirett was also in the limelight at Windsor when winning on Birth Certificate and Douglas for Sir Malcolm McAlpine. Whereas Birth Certificate is trained by Victor Smyth at Epsom, Douglas is under the charge of Jim Bell. One had to lay guineas to pounds on Birth Certificate, but Douglas was at 100-6.

Smart Filly

Lieutenant-Colonel Giles Loder, who won the Derby fourteen years ago with Spion Kop, owns a very useful filly in Annabel. A daughter of the wonderful Arabella, she made all the running in the Rose Hill Plate at Doncaster. She moved as if she was a little green, and it is plain the race will do her a lot of good. Caste, another youngster making his first appearance in public, swerved across the course after having covered about two furlongs and was pulled up. It was found that he had broken a fetlock, and he was destroyed.

Perryman, who rarely uses his whip, scored a double event on Bannlaw and June Rose. Necker spoiled his chance in Bannlaw's race by swerving badly, and June Rose won the Rossington Handicap through staying better than Nepote and Hussar.

£20 for a Postcard

I am offering another prize of £20 this week. Write on a postcard the horses you think will be first, second and third in the Epsom Handicap on Wednesday. Only one attempt may be made, and send it to:—

Bouverie,
"Daily Mirror,"
14, Bream's-buildings,
Fetter-lane, E.C.4 (Comp.).

They should reach me not later than first post Wednesday, June 6. Entries for the race appear on this page. Competitors must address their postcards exactly as above, and failure to do this entails disqualification.

BOUVERIE.

FRANCE'S DERBY HOPE

The French contender for the Derby, Admiral Drake, was taken by motor horse box to his quarters at Epsom after his arrival at Folkestone on Saturday. Admiral Drake was restricted to walking exercise yesterday, but will be galloped with a stable companion this morning.

WINDSOR RESULTS

2.0.—BIRTH CERTIFICATE (J. Sirett), 1; LORDLING (F. Fox), 2; MAJORDOMO (Beary), 3. Betting: 20-21 BIRTH CERTIFICATE, 100-50 Lordling, Cape Race, 100-8 Ethelton, 20 The Breakers, Cluck, Happy Birthday, Jaki Jao, Majordomo, Midnight I. Total: Win, 5s. 9d.; places, 2s. 3d., 2s. 3d., 4s. 3d. Three; same. (V. Smyth.)

2.30.—DON'T CARE (T. Ryan), 1; KINGSLEY PARK (F. Lane), 2; MILLIBET (G. Richards), 3. Betting: Evens Sea Lord, 4 Kingsley Park, 5 DON'T CARE, 8 Millibet, Marquis, Fossil, 20 Massai, Le Toreador, Saintly Orbs, Defiant (H.). Total: Win, 11s. 6d.; places, 3s. 9d., 3s. 9d., 5s. 9d. Two; same. (Wootton.)

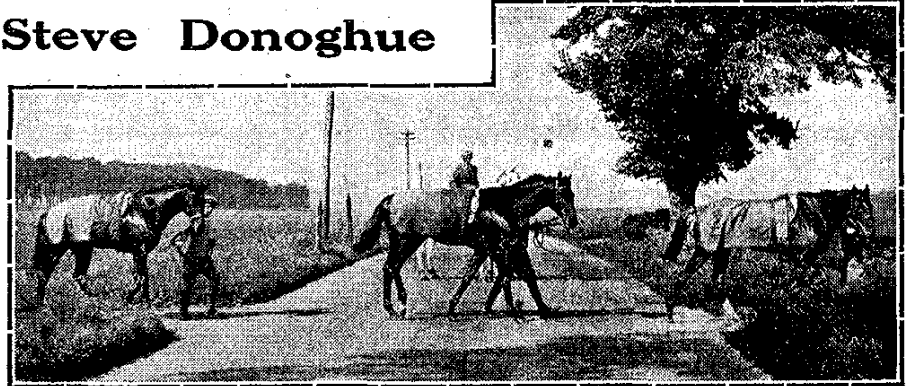
3.0.—POET'S PRIDE (F. Fox), 1; CALAMINTHA (G. Richards), 2; BRITISH QUOTA (Beary), 3. Betting: 5-2 POET'S PRIDE, 4 Heavy Weight, 5 Calamintina, 11-2 British Quota, 7 Audience, 8 Be There, 100-8 Tidebrook, 100-7 Nisona, 35 Chelsea Reach, Warden's Pride. Total: Win, 6s. 6d.; places, 3s. 3d., 4s. 3d., 4s. 3d. Neck: one and a half. (Candell.)

3.30.—EVENING LULLABY (R. A. Jones), 1; FIRE-SHIP (H. Beasley), 2; FAIR VENTURE (Herbert), 3. Betting: 11-10 Fireship I, 11-4 Policewoman I, 6 Fair Venture, EVENING LULLABY, 7 Black Wheel, 100-8 Jesting Maid I, 20 Spion Light, Hilarity, Ann Presto, Galloper Queen I, Fair Kent, G. Soledia. Total: Win, 19s.; places, 3s. 9d., 2s. 6d., 4s. 6d. One; three-quarters. (S. Darling.)

4.0.—DOUGLAS (J. Sirett), 1; MOLLY MACREE (F. Lane), 2; EARLY CLOSING (Beary), 3. Betting: 9-4 Ballet Dancer, 100-30 Early Closing, 11-2 Royal Ulster, 6 Pressenda, Happy Morn., 10 Oratorium, 100-8 Tetralight, 100-6 DOUGLAS, Molly Macree, 35 Monkey Pup, Body-Line. Total: Win, 53s. 6d.; places, 12s. 3d., 9s. 6d., 5s. 6d. Neck: two. (J. M. Bell.)

4.30.—THE SAGE (R. Dick), 1; CHERISSETTE (G. Richards), 2; POET'S FANCY (A. Wragg), 3. Betting: 8-15 THE SAGE, 11-4 Cherisette, 6 Scotch Fox, 35 Crook, Poet's Fancy, Hopetoun, Amethyst. Total: Win, 3s.; places, 2s. 3d., 2s. 3d., 4s. 3d. Five; two. (W. Nightingall.)

Total Double.—£66 5s. (25 tickets.)



Montrose, Easton and Medieval Knight (left to right) after their gallop at Beckhampton.

DERBY GALLOPS

Colombo Again Pleases in Spin at Newmarket

Newmarket's Derby candidates had the finishing touches put to their preparations on Saturday.

W. Johnstone had the mount on the favourite, Colombo, who drew away from Buckland without any effort at all in his spin of a mile.

Umidwar, who had H. Wragg in the saddle, stuck well to Felicitation in a good gallop of a mile and a half. His stable companions, Badruddin and Alishah, covered a mile and a quarter with Osman Pasha.

There was little to choose between Hornsey Rise and Fleetfoot (Wells), who were sent a mile in company with Corona-Corona, but Valerius shaped well in a spin of a mile and a half with Blandearna.

Bondsman cantered five furlongs in company with Meldrum.

DONCASTER WINNERS

3.0.—HENNA (J. Reeves), 1; LOOT (J. Taylor), 2; NAVAL RESERVE (Christie), 3. Betting: 100-30 Dahomey, 11-2 Fanny Adams, 6 Loet, Tosh, 7 HENNA, 8 Onya, 100-8 Presentation, July Folly, Naval Reserve. Total: Win, 16s. 9d.; places, 7s. 9d., 5s., 12s. 5d. One and a half; three-quarters. (Davey.)

3.30.—ANNABEL (C. Smirke), 1; TIME TEST (J. Marshall), 2; PEARLA F (H. Wragg), 3. Betting: 2-5 ANNA-BEL, 7-2 Time Test, 8 Pearla F, 20 Caste, Light Game. Total: Win, 2s. 3d.; places, 2s. 3d., 2s. 3d. Three-quarters; three. (Glavin.)

4.0.—BANNLAW (Perryman), 1; PEGGY BOY (Christie), 2; CARPET KNIGHT (E. Weston), 3. Betting: 7-4 Necker, 7-2 Bermuda, 13-2 BANNLAW, 8 Scarlet River, Carpet Knight, Guinea Gap, 100-8 Double Forte, Contact, Shepherd's Warning, Peggy Boy. Total: Win, 20s.; places, 6s. 9d., 15s. 3d., 10s. 9d. Four; one and a half. (C. Waugh.)

4.30.—JUNE ROSE (Perryman), 1; NEPCOTE (S. Donoghue), 2; HUSSAR (W. Rickaby), 3. Betting: 6-4 Tuscra, 6 Obliterette, 7 Mingled, 15-2 Nepote, 10 JUNE ROSE, Good Fish, Solein, 20 Irish Twin, Hussar. Total: Win, 29s. 9d.; places, 7s. 9d., 5s. 3d., 14s. 9d. One; head. (Barthrop.)

5.0.—GUILDHALL (H. Wragg), 1; MARIE LOUISE (C. Ray), 2; WHITE CLOVER (E. Weston), 3. Betting: 5-6 GUILDHALL, 2 Marie Louise, 6 Mirage, 10 White Clover. Total: Win, 3s. 3d.; Forecast: 10s. 6d. Half; three. (Mosey.)

5.30.—MONEYBOX (W. Neeson), 1; SOLICITOR-GENERAL (J. Childs), 2; CESARION (H. Wragg), 3. Betting: 5-4 MONEYBOX, 9-4 Cesarion, 5-2 Solicitor-General, 20 Lodge Hill. Total: Win, 5s. 6d.; Forecast: 12s. 6d. Half; three. (M. Peacock.)

Total Double.—£6 8s. (105 tickets.)

BOUVERIE'S PRIZE RACE

Horses left in the Epsom Handicap over seven furlongs at Epsom on Wednesday are as follow:

321 POLAR BEAR (Mrs. J. B. Joel) ... C. Peck 7 9 7
04 ZANGOF (Mr. Z. C. Michalins) ... High Poway 6 9 1
101 GALVANI (Sir Hugo Hirst) ... Templeman 5 8 13
412 SHOVE HALFPENNY (Sir Alfred Butt) ... Fk Butters 4 8 3
202 WINDOLITE (Dowager Lady Penrhyn) ... Penneant 4 8 1
000 SOLDIER (Mr. C. L. Slackean) ... Cetrill 4 7 12
000 OLE KING SOLE (Mrs. Arthur Elliot) ... Bisgood 5 7 12
301 CONVERSION (H.H. Aga Khan) ... Fk Butters 4 7 11
003 HOT BUN (Sir Victor Sassoon) ... B. Jarvis 7 7 8
201 GOLDEN EARL (Mr. H. G. Blagrove) ... Blagrove 7 7 7
200 SPURTEL (Mr. F. T. Halse) ... W. Nightingall 4 7 6
421 DOUBLE DI (Mr. H. C. Drayton) ... Holland 4 7 3
102 MILLROCK (Mr. S. Wootton) ... Wootton 5 7 2
020 GEORGIAN (Sir Charles Hyde) ... Scottie 4 6 7
000 SEA GEM (Mr. P. Johnson) ... Richards 3 6 7

VERDICT GOES TO HARRY BROOKS

Douglas Parker Outpointed Over Ten Rounds at Ring

Harry Brooks (St. George's) scored a workmanlike victory over Douglas Parker, the hard-hitting light-weight from Sunderland, at the Ring, Blackfriars, London, yesterday. Brooks gained the decision on points over ten rounds.

The contest began tamely, the first two rounds being chiefly notable for some light lefts by Brooks. Parker had a good third round, rocking Brooks with a hard right to the jaw. The St. George's man, however, learnt his lesson from this blow, and afterwards he contrived to make it a long-distance fight.

PLUCKY LOSER

He stabbed away with his very good straight left, and often had Parker on his heels. Brooks sometimes varied his attack by allowing Parker to lead, and then stepping inside to deliver hard right and left hooks to the body.

Other results: Joe Horridge (Rochdale) beat Battling Croft (Sheffield) on points over ten rounds. Albert O'Brien (Hoxton) beat Len Rowlands (Dagenham), the referee stopping a twelve-rounds contest in the fifth round. Joe Bull (Blackfriars) beat Jackie Bishop (Hoxton), the latter retiring in the ninth of a twelve-round fight with a badly cut eye.

At Walsall, over twelve rounds, Francois Mactens (Belgian feather-weight champion), outpointed Tommy Dowlais (Wales).

FRENCH OAKS WINNER

The Prix de Diane (French Oaks), run at Chantilly yesterday, was won by Adargatis (C. Elliott) by three lengths. Mary Tudor (C. Bridgland) was second, and Rarity (G. H. Semblat) third. Fifteen ran.

LURGAN CUP RESULT

H. C. Hawkins (11) beat W. A. Froy (7) by 4 and 2 in the final of the Lurgan Cup golf competition at Addington.

WITH THE GREYHOUNDS

The Hurdler's selections for to-night are:—
Wembley.—8.0, Overdraft; 8.15, Dumbleigh; 8.30, Tailor; 8.45, Holystone Burn; 9.0, Porraceous; 9.15, Loaming Bank; 9.30, Hall Irish.
Harringay.—8.0, Pride of Hope; 8.15, Shannon Charger; 8.30, Hon's Son; 8.45, Loader's Son; 9.0, Good Repair; 9.15, Avoid Defeat; 9.30, Lodge Briar.
Stamford Bridge.—8.0, Gay Pat; 8.15, Wisbech General; 8.30, Mum's Pup; 8.45, Green Ginger; 9.0, Melksham Illustrious; 9.15, Oak Top; 9.30, Old Brother.
West Ham.—8.15, Rambling Mickson; 8.30, First Lieutenant; 8.45, Flying Jockey; 9.0, Red House Robin; 9.15, Peterborough; 9.30, Luxury Linor; 9.45, Beryl S.
Slough.—8.0, Longvane Queen; 8.15, Monkton Mumpsy; 8.30, Cornhill Warrior; 8.45, Andy's John; 9.0, Vantage; 9.15, Jointly Barred; 9.30, Sinking Still.
Double: Hon's Son and Avoid Defeat, at Harringay.

THE DERBY FIELD AT A GLANCE

2 ADMIRAL DRAKE, br c by Craig an Eran—Plucky Leige (Mr. L. Bolterra), France. C. Elliott
01 ALISHAH, b c by Tetratema—Teresina (Aga Khan), Fk. Butters Perryman
03 BADRUDDIN, gr c by Blandford—Mumtaz Mahal (Aga Khan), Fk. Butters F. Fox
0 BARON MUNCHAUSEN, b c by The Panther—United Empire (Mr. G. Monkhouse), Richards
C. Richards
003 BONDSMAN, b c by Sir Galahad III—Bonnie Maginn (Mr. W. Woodward), Boyd-Rochfort
J. Childs
11 COLOMBO, b c by Marina—Lady Nairne (Lord Glanely), Hogg W. Johnstone
2 EASTON, br c by Dark Legend—Phaona (Lord Woolavington), F. Darling G. Richards
30 FLEETFOOT, ch c by Buchan—Pollfoot (Mrs. W. Raphael), G. Sadler W. Wells
0 HORNSEY RISE, b c by Spion Kop—Petroushka (Mrs. W. Raphael), G. Sadler J. Taylor
*1 LO ZINGARO, ch c by Solario—Love in Idleness (Mr. J. A. Dewar), F. Darling
021 MEDIEVAL KNIGHT, b c by Gay Crusader—Hasty Love (Mr. J. A. Dewar), F. Darling
S. Donoghue
123 ON TOP, b c by Spion Kop—Deccaun (Mr. V. Misa), V. Smyth J. Caldwell
*12 PATRIOT KING, b c by Bolingbroke—Grandissima (Mr. J. A. de Rothschild), F. Pratt
G. Bezzant
20 PRIDE OF THE CHILTERN, ch c by Spion Kop—Molly Adair (Mr. H. Lester), V. Hobbs
04 PRIMERO, b c by Blandford—Athalai (Mr. W. Barnett), R. Lawson C. Ray
0 RATHERMORE, b c by Achtol—Lattin (Major V. Parr), Thrane M. Beary
104 RUTHLESS ABBOT, br c by Abbots Trace—Glanuse (Sir C. Chubb), Lawson R. Dick
112 TIBERIUS, b c by Foxlaw—Glenabrick (Sir A. Bailey), Lawson G. Nicoll
0 UMIDWAR, b c by Blandford—Uganda (Aga Khan), Fk. Butters H. Wragg
303 VALERIUS, b c by Son-in-Law—Haltonette (Sir A. Bailey), R. Day R. Jones
11 WINDSOR LAD, b c by Blandford—Resplendent (Maharajah of Rajpipla), M. Marsh
C. Smirke
* Doubtful starters.