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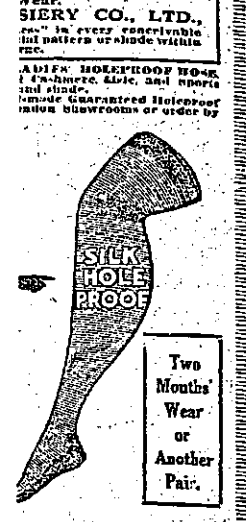

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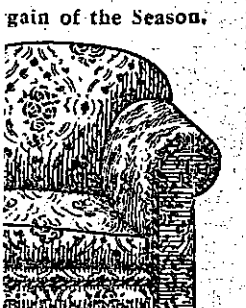

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LEACH'S STABLE AGAIN.

Some people like to keep and periodically sort out old letters, so that they can revisualise, in their own particular pleasurable fashion, scenes and faces of the past. I keep no old letters in my working life, but I get my greatest racing pleasure during the few quiet hours in which I first go through the complete racing programme for Ascot. When one's duty also necessitates going carefully through a host of holiday cards of meetings in the north and south, and determining whether one of the worst winning platers in the land will be sent to Redcar for a selling handicap, or kept for a modest little coup nearer home, the annual examination of Ascot races, which practically all attract the greatest horses in training, is a rare and refreshing tonic.

I should require, too, practically every column in the "Daily Express" if I began to recall memories of some of the great races there have been for the rich Ascot plums which are once again before me. It is utterly impossible to analyse horse by horse every Ascot race, otherwise all my space could be utilised before even the opening Trial Stakes to-morrow had been dealt with fully. So many good horses, as usual, figure in so many equally valuable races that it will probably be a case of owners choosing what they regard as the easiest path to success. It is not the modern policy—while stakes are rich, but expenses heavier—to battle solely for the honour and glory of testing the merits of your own champion against another who might be his superior.

NOTHING TO BE PROUD OF.

Of course, I refer mostly to the weight-for-age events, and not to gambling handicaps. Naturally, races can be treated individually from day to day, and practically every good-class horse in training will be seen out, though it is understood that Tamar will not run this week, while Orpheus is under a cloud and Paragon seemingly in semi-retirement. Nobody could term the Gold Cup array anything to make us very proud of our present-day stayers, though this is largely due to the enforced departure of Periosteum and Happy Man, as well as all the classic winners of last season—apart from the noteworthy Polycrates, Spahi, Vrasa, Taylor, Franklin, North Walsham, King's Idea, Nippon, and West Kent; again about the best we can muster first Thursday.

It is not very pleasant to recall that, of recent years, practically every stayer of note that has contested the Gold Cup on the hard going of the royal heath has been stumped up for all time. I have been cudgelling my brains to think when last we had "going" at Ascot which did not put the wind up every trainer who saddled a horse. Yet it is only human nature for the owner to override the pessimistic trainer and risk much for the sake of winning at Ascot.

I must leave closer discussion on the chief handicaps until to-morrow. The result of the Manchester Cup threw little fresh light on the Stakes, which Devizes may win under his big weight if started in this instead of in the Gold Vase. Lambton, with Cravasse and Stanislaus, and Taylor, with Junio and the penalised Air Balloon, will also be fighting factors. Tetrabbazia was the big Hunt Cup tip on the course at Manchester, but whichever Donoghue rides for Cottrill—either Leighton or Granely—will be certain to have the usual loyal following. A shrewd division are also supporting Black Gown, but still marking time over the plans of Forsee, Gilpin, and Jack Jarvis, who has the tearaway Collaborator freely engaged at the meeting.

OPEN PROBLEMS.

Although Duncan Gray is the sore after his Epsom experience to-day, the presence of Legality, Scythius, Pharos, Papyrus, Silver Grass, Tetragon, and Tarpon in the juvenile events may help further to elucidate an open problem. It is customary, too, for Ascot to show us a darkie capable of flooring the best-known two-year-old form. Pharos is one of my favourites among those who have proved themselves.

I find that people are so often apt to back horses at Ascot for the wrong races or on the wrong day that it sometimes pays to have instructions with your bayer regarding a select few for the race or races chosen for them at the meeting. How does the following little lot appeal to you:—

Bobanoh (e.w.)	Vencedor
Selene	Laughter (e.w.)
Golden Corn	Collaborator
Devizes	Leighton
Nippon (e.w.)	Pharos
Black Gown	Legality

Fields did not rule large at Manchester on Saturday afternoon, but some of the racing was interesting. This was especially the case in the Salford Borough Handicap, for which Vindictive was made favourite, with a slight call over Donoghue's mount, Pharmacie. The latter ran well, but she just failed to beat Morning Light, who, with a big pull in the weights, got home by three-quarts of a length, thus adding to the numerous successes achieved by Felix Leach's stable. In the absence of Sicyon, the valuable Red Rose Stakes was adjudged to a match between Lady Juror and Sir Greysteel. Mr. Tattersall's filly justifying strong favouritism by running in a canter.

Bucks Hussar was regarded by many as one of the best things of the day at Gatwick, and Sir Abe Bailey's colt was a pronounced favourite from Gasper for the Home-Bred Cup. Just before the distance Bucks Hussar, who may run for the Grand Prix, went to the head of the field, but he failed to stall off a late challenge from Thorros, who won by a length. Jilted, who won the Lewes Handicap last month, had an easy task in the June Handicap, the son of Sledfast romping home by three lengths from Mirzan Mast, with Aquatania another four lengths behind.

THE SCOUT.

HUNT CUP SCRATCHINGS.

The following horses have been struck out of the Royal Hunt Cup at Ascot: The Yellow Dwarf by 10 p.m. Friday; Dallying at 9 a.m. Saturday.

MAN WHO CANNOT GET TIRED.

MILLS RUNS AWAY WITH ANOTHER MARATHON.

The fact that A. R. Mills, the Leicester Harrier, won the Polytechnic Marathon over the Windsor to Stamford Bridge course for the third successive year on Saturday, so retaining the "Sporting Life" trophy, proves him to be one of the best distance men in the history of athletics. His latest victory was gained by the comparatively wide margin of 7mins. 6 2-5secs., his time being 2hrs. 47mins. 30 2-5secs., compared with the 2hrs. 53mins. 34 4-5secs. of Malvicini, the Italian, who finished second.

Alex Jansen, of Denmark, was third in 2hrs. 56mins. 8 1-5secs., and C. E. Leatherhead, unattached, fourth, in 2hrs. 59mins. 9secs. C. J. Bryant, 2hrs. 59mins. 22 2-5secs., came fifth, followed by A. Kinn, the Swede, who was timed in at 3hrs. 0mins. 10 4-5secs.

Mills ran his race just as he wanted to. He had the strength to force the pace in the last few miles of the journey, and there was never any doubt as to his success once he made up his mind to leave the plucky Malvicini. The Italian was on his heels at the end of the twentieth mile, but he had nothing left for the most trying stage.

OFF THEY WENT.

Earl Cadogan started the race at 3.15, and at five miles Jansen led from Mills and Malvicini. The time was 29mins. 5secs. Malvicini was ahead at ten miles, with Jansen second, and Jansen third, the time being 59mins. 22secs. Five miles further on Malvicini was still going well, but he did not look so fit as Mills, who seemed to be thoroughly enjoying himself. He was watching Malvicini closely, and after "dogging" him for several miles, went by and widened the gap as he pleased.

The surprise performance was that of C. E. Leatherhead, the unattached man, in taking fourth position. He is obviously the "real goods," and with more experience should develop into a champion Marathon runner.

While the finish of the Marathon was the great attraction for the 12,000 people assembled at Stamford Bridge, there was also keen interest in the Kinnaird Cup competition. Achilles Club won the trophy with 28 points, Polytechnic H. (holders) and Surrey A.C. tieing for second place with 201 points.

GATWICK RESULTS.

2.0.—CRABBET STAKES. Five furlongs.
Farseeing (Mr. D. M. Gant), 9 (The Scout's col.) ... J. Evans 1
Cassander (Mr. W. de Pledge), 8 8 ... Spear 2
Janner (Mr. S. Cohen), 8 8 ... Robbins 3
8 P.—11—10. 2—1. 100—8. Also: 6 The Gowser c (Benny), 100—8 each Mothymoa c (A. Brennan), Tipstress (V. Smyth). One length; bad. Tabor, Epsom.

2.30.—THREE-YEAR-OLD SELLING HANDICAP. One mile.
Golden Idol (Mr. L. A. Lefevre), 8 7 ... Spear 1
Taree (Mr. S. Woolton), 7 13 ... Higham 2
Sparkler (Mr. A. Pennington), 7 7 ... Bennett 3
5 P.—8—1. 100—8. 7—2. Also: 4 King's Pulse (R. Stokes), 5 Air Mail (R. Jones), 6 each Pomegrant (Smith), Speedsender (Perryman), 10 Alecs (R. Bullock), 100—7 each Ivy (Beary), Silhouette (Sweet), Maidis (R. Dutler), Maiden Lad (R. Green). Length and a half; two. Hammond, Lewes.

3.0.—HOLLYBUSH SELLING PLATE. Six furlongs.
Ashes (Mr. J. P. Sheather), 8 4 ... F. Piper 1
Hether (Mr. T. B. Mist), 8 7 ... Pelham 2
Musk Rat (Mr. A. Sauel), 8 4 ... V. Smyth 3
5 P.—13—8. 5—1. 5—1. Also: 5 each Abbie L. (R. Jones), Orbicite (Beary), 20 Smithfield (Speck). Three lengths; three-quarters. Lowe, Ealing Park.

3.30.—JUNE HANDICAP. One mile and a half.
Jilted (Mr. A. Howscon), 4 9 ... V. Smyth 1
Mirzan Mast (Lady Nelson), 4 9 ... R. Sloan 2
Aquatania (Mr. J. Galstaun), 5 8 ... G. Smith 3
5 P.—3—1. 4—1. 10—1. Also: 7—2 Black Habit (A. Bullock), 6 Silver Crest (Robbins), 7 West Countryman (Griggs), 10 each Wagtail (Bowen), Lisgar (Gowen). Three lengths; four. W. Nightingall, Epsom.

4.0.—HOME-BRED THREE-YEAR-OLD CUP. One mile and a quarter.
Thorros (Mr. Z. Mackintosh), 8 6 ... Beary 1
Bucks Hussar (Sir A. Bailey), 9 5 (The Scout's col.) ... V. Childs 2
Bhuleemoon (Mr. H. Cliver), 8 13 ... V. Smyth 3
5 P.—10—1. 7—4. 5—1. Also: 9—4 Gasper (R. Holme), 5 Austin Friars (Ex), 10 each Gaiety Prince (J. Evans), Ben Sterne (G. Smith). One length; three. F. Hunt, Jevington.

4.25.—EMLYN HANDICAP. Six furlongs.
Cuenillion (Mr. S. Woolton), 8 7 ... Swaine 1
Home Fire (Sir M. Maclaine), 6 8 11 (The Scout's col.) ... V. Smyth 2
Sassi (Mr. C. S. Newton), 5 8 11 ... J. Childs 3
5 P.—2—1. 5—1. 7—4. Also: 6 each Pirey (L. Bullock), Mentality (Whatley). Half a length; same. Wootton, Epsom.

MANCHESTER DETAILS.

1.30.—FREETHORPE WELTER HANDICAP. One mile.
Son o' Lomond (Mr. R. Sisson), 7 8 ... Jones 1
Quick March (Mr. A. Willer), 7 5 (The Scout's col.) ... J. Weston 2
Happy Release (Lady Torrington), 8 0 ... Donoghue 3
5 P.—10—1. 11—8. 7—4. Also: 4 Woolley Bridge (J. Brennan), 10 Bold Knight (Thwaites). Three lengths; half. Vasey, Doncaster.

2.0.—CLIFF T.Y.O. SELLING PLATE. Five furlongs.
Chatty Tales (Mr. W. Beatie), 8 11 ... Gardner 1
Masterpiece (Mr. C. P. Kenyon), 8 11 ... Thwaites 2
Take Aff (Mr. J. Ramsden), 8 11 (The Scout's col.) ... J. Childs 3
5 P.—2—1. 6—1. 2—1. Also: 7 Cinders c (Donoghue). 10—3 each Bath Oliver (Shotwell), Warm Lassie (T. Cockin), Dream Lady (Barnett). Length and a half; three-quarters. Hoster, Newmarket.

2.30.—RED ROSE STAKES. Five furlongs.
Lady Juror (Mr. S. Tattersall), 7 12 (The Scout's col.) ... Lane 1
Sir Greysteel (Mr. C. Kenyon), 9 12 ... Jelliss 2
8 P.—1—4. Two lengths. Taylor, Manton.

3.10.—SALFORD BOROUGH HANDICAP. Six furlongs.
Morning Light (Sir H. Cunliffe-Owen), 5, 7 13 ... Gray 1
Pharmacie (Mr. J. White), 6 9 12 ... Donoghue 2
Francis Joseph (Mr. M. Field) 4, 8 10 ... Carslake 3
5 P.—7—1. 7—2. 10—1. Also: 100—30 Vindictive (Leach), 5 Lancaster (Cowell), 9 Bonds (Lane), 100—8 Soldemaki (Jeffries), 100—5 each Phat (Shelwell), Drucy (T. Morgan). Three-quarters of a length; neck. Leach, Newmarket.

3.50.—LYTHAM T.Y.O. STAKES. Five furlongs.
Beda c (Mr. J. Wilde), 8 7 ... Donoghue 1
Lovable (Lord Ellesmere), 8 7 ... Bullock 2
Vamarace (Ld. Rosebery), 8 7 ... Elliott 3
5 P.—4—5. 20—1. 9—4. Also: 10 Algracie (Bardwell), 20 each Sister Rose (Smither), Entoret (Hoxsey), Spun Silk (Hinton). Eight lengths; three. Quirke, Lambourn.

4.5.—WOLVERTON THREE-YEAR-OLD PLATE. One mile and a half.
Backwood (Mr. W. Whiteley), 8 5 (The Scout's col.) ... J. Brennan 1
Shacks (Sir R. W. Liddell), 9 ... Ledson 2
Sirra (Sir W. Nelson), 8 5 ... Gowing 3
5 P.—4—5. 5—4. 20—1. Six lengths; bad. Cottrill, Lambourn.

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CRICKET THEN AND NOW.

WHERE ARE THE AMATEURS IN COUNTY GAMES?

GENTLEMEN v. PLAYERS.

By THROW-IN.

I commented recently on the deplorable fact that the cricket season, so far as it had gone, had produced no young professional players whose performances held out any hope that they could ever expect to emulate the achievements of the veterans who at present bear the heat and burden of the day. Look down any score-sheet in any county match of the past month, and you will see that the men who are compiling the centuries and capturing the wickets are the players whose names were a household word a decade ago. Turn to the amateurs, and you will find the same state of affairs—though not, perhaps, to a similar degree. The amateurs have recruiting grounds in the public schools and the universities, and it would, indeed, be a disastrous thing for English cricket if reinforcements from this source ever failed.

Happily, this can never be. You have only to appraise the merits of the present Cambridge University team to be at least partly reassured. It promises to be one of

the finest "varsity eleven for many years. It will not, of course, compare with such sides as turned out for Cambridge thirty years ago. Curiously, I was led to look up the scores for 1891, and there are the names I found in the Light Blue team:—F. S. Jackson, G. McGregor, C. M. Wells, D. L. A. Jephson, R. N. Douglas, G. J. V. Weigall, A. J. L. Hill, E. C. Streatfeild, and C. P. Foley. Next year I discover the names of J. Douglas, P. H. Latham, L. H. Gay, and H. R. Bromley-Davenport. Turn to 1893, and the magic name of K. S. Ranjitsinhji appears in company with that of A. O. Jones.

Look at the Oxford team in the same year, and you find equally famous names, but not in such great numbers. Here they are:—L. C. H. Palairet, R. C. N. Palairet, C. B. Fry, G. J. Mordaunt, and H. D. G. Leveson-Gower.

PRESSURE OF CIRCUMSTANCES.

Nearly every one of the men whose exploits lent brilliance to the university cricket of those now far-off days subsequently achieved honour and glory either in county or international cricket or both. In these days it is rare indeed to see a cricket genius at the universities take his place regularly in his county team and continue to hold it year after year, as was the almost invariable custom with the giants of the past.

For those regrettable and altogether unfortunate lapses two things are, I believe, responsible. First, the university cricketer has to begin to earn his living at a much earlier date than heretofore—a fact due to the keen competition of modern life, on the one hand, and, on the other, to the burden of taxation which impoverishes his parents.

In the second place, county cricket is not now the leisurely and intermittent affair that it was thirty years ago. Some of our leading counties play as many as thirty matches in a season, and this means that, week in and week out, with only the briefest intervals, the team is in the field every weekday of the season.

It is obvious that the genuine amateur overplay cricket demands considerable financial resources. The county committee may pay bare travelling and hotel expenses for away matches, but such allowance as is made does not nearly cover the expenses incidental to the game.

These, I believe, are the two main reasons why once the majority of university "blues" go down, they are lost to first-class cricket. It would be invidious to mention names, but the keen follower of the game will easily summon up from memory not a few potential English players in the amateur ranks whose appearances in county cricket are, by the very pressure of circumstances, exceedingly rare.

TOO MUCH "FIRST-CLASS."

There is, indeed, too much so-called first-class cricket, in which counties that are not by any stretch of the imagination entitled to pre-eminence take part—a fact which tends to lower, and not to raise, the standard of cricket.

County cricket tends every year to become more of a business and less of a pastime. The brilliant amateur without independent means has to make his choice early in his career. Shall he devote his talents to cricket or to his business or profession? Like a wise man, as I think, in the vast majority of cases he sticks to his profession or his business, and devotes his leisure moments to club or country house cricket.

In little more than a month's time the Gentlemen v. Players match will be played at Lord's, and then it appears probable that the weakness of our amateur cricket will be revealed as never before. The task of selecting the Gentlemen's team will not resolve itself into the problem whom to leave out, as was the case when the first choices were "W. G.," Jackson, Ranjitsinhji, Fry, Stoddart, Jessop, McGregor, and Mortlight or Bradley. The difficulty will be whom to put in.

Obviously youth must take its place, and it must be a considerable one. A. O. MacLaren proved what youth could accomplish last season when he brought about the downfall of the Australians at Eastbourne. Therefore, after choosing a captain—and he, of course, must be L. M. Tennyson—it would be the height of wisdom to seize on the most promising university bowler of the year. He is undoubtedly G. O. Allen, of Cambridge. At the very outset of the season Allen proved his worth against Middlesex, and his most recent performance of securing ten wickets against Sussex for 65 runs proves that the high hopes held out with regard to him will be realised.

LUCKY PROFESSIONALS.

My next choices would be, in the order named, P. G. H. Fender, H. Ashton, A. E. R. Gilligan, and G. T. S. Stevens, the Oxford captain. G. M. Louden, of Essex, deserves his place, and the wicketkeeper might be either G. E. C. Wood or M. D. Lyon. But where are the batsmen? you will say. There is the rub. D. J. Knight has not played in a first-class match this season. Is he the Knight of 1919 and 1920 or the Knight of last season? We are in the dark, but with amateur batting so weak it is hardly likely that he will be passed over. Other names that suggest themselves are A. Jeacocke, of Surrey, and A. W. Carr, of Notts. Then there are C. N. Bruce, of Middlesex, and A. T. Sharp, of Leicestershire. It is a great descent from the days of Grace, Stoddart, Ranji, and Fry, but it is the best we can do this year.

The professionals are better off, especially with regard to batting. Here there is an embarrassment of riches so far as batting is concerned. We have Hobbs, Hearne, Hendren, P. Tridesley, Mead, Russell, Woolley, Hendren. They are all in form, and none of them can be overlooked. Rhodes is obviously marked out for the captaincy. Who will support him in the attack? Hearne and Woolley will, of course, be available. A fast bowler is essential, and at Lord's Durston is clearly marked out for the post. Parkin, too, will secure his place, and deservedly so, though I think that consideration should be given to the claims of Tate, of Sussex, and Astill, of Leicestershire, neither of whom would weaken the batting. With Strudwick behind the wicket, the Players should have a side strong enough to overwhelm the amateurs.

It is just this probability which gives rise to so much misgiving about the future of first-class amateur batting. We are in a cycle of lean years. Shall we ever get back to the opulence and splendid days of the "nineties?

CHAMPIONS FIGHT FOR RUNS.

SPECTATORS CHEER THE SMART SOMERSET FIELDING.

Last season: Match drawn.

Little enterprise was shown by the Middlesex batsmen on Saturday at Lord's, and although 339 runs were scored for the loss of only three wickets, they could not claim to have made the best use of a fast wicket. Praise, however, must be given to the excellent bowling and fielding of the Somerset men. Greswell and P. R. Johnson strengthened the visitors, and they, with Daniell, Considine, and McBryan, were always prominent in saving runs.

Only 26 were scored in the first forty minutes, and then Lee left, Dales meantime having only two to his credit. The latter player plodded on at a dreary pace, and when lunch was taken his score was 16. Altogether he took two hours and ten minutes to get 52, and it is singular that among his hits were six 4's.

Hearne also began cautiously, the second partnership taking ninety minutes to add 66, but when he left at 143 for 59, made in two hours and a quarter, the batting gradually brightened.

FAST WORK.

Hendren and Crutchley mastered the bowling, and late in the day scored fast. In two hours and twenty minutes they put on 196 without being separated. Hendren took a hundred minutes over his 50, but doubled his score in seventy minutes. Crutchley got his 50 in ninety minutes, and claimed 92 as his share of the runs made in the stand that put Middlesex in such a strong position.

The fielding of the western county men was splendid, and the manner in which they picked up from hard hits and returned the ball accurately to the wickets, often brought loud cheers from the 10,000 spectators. Present score:—

MIDDLESEX.—First Innings.

H. L. Dales, c Durrell, b White	52
Lee, c and b Bridges	22
Hearne, lbw, b Young	50
Hendren, not out	120
G. E. V. Crutchley, not out	92
Extras	13
Total (3 wkts.)	339

E. T. Mann, N. Haig, H. J. Weeton, Murrell, Durston, and Dr. C. H. Gunasekera to bat.

SOMERSET.—L. Daniell, J. C. W. MacBryan, P. R. Johnson, S. G. U. Considine, W. T. Greswell, H. C. White, J. J. Bridges, S. L. Amor, Young, Robson, and Hunt.

BARGAINS FOR BOWLERS.

WEAK BATTING BY SUSSEX AND NORTHANTS.

Last season: Sussex won by an innings and 291 runs.

Batsmen fared unusually badly at Brighton on Saturday, when seventeen wickets fell for an aggregate of 250 runs. Sussex seemed to have accomplished a remarkably good performance in disposing of Northamptonshire an hour after lunch for 131, but they did little better, and at the close led by only 28 with three men to be dismissed.

The highest individual score was 24, while for the visitors and Street for Sussex being the most useful batsmen. Thompson played steadily, and Walden showed good performance in disposing of Northamptonshire an hour after lunch for 131, but they did little better, and at the close led by only 28 with three men to be dismissed.

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SATURDAY'S BEST.

BATTING.

Hendren (Middlesex)	*120
King (Leicester)	*119
Tyldesley (R.) (Lancs)	105
A. F. Bickmore (Kent)	*99
Shepherd (Surrey)	95
C. E. V. Crutchley (Middlesex)	*97
Seymour (Kent)	*90
Russell (Essex)	86

(*Not out.)

BOWLING.

Roberts (Sussex)	5 for 50
Parker (Gloucester)	5 for 66
Macaulay (Yorkshire)	5 for 67

feature of the early play was the admirable bowling of Roberts (five for 50) and Tate (three for 20), and the smart work of the Sussex team. A. E. R. Gilligan finished the Northants innings by catching Dale on the boundary with one hand after running some distance to reach the ball.

Sussex started better than Northants, but while no one failed, wickets went down regularly before Mordin and Woolley, both of whom bowled finely. Present score:—

NORTHANTS.—First Innings.

Woolley, b Roberts	3
A. P. H. Hawtin, b Tate	0
W. W. Timms, b Roberts	6
C. H. Tyler, c Harris, b Tate	6
Thompson, c Roberts, b Tate	16
Wells, b Roberts	24
Bellamy, c A. E. Gilligan, b Roberts	0
Waldron, lbw, b Roberts	23
Lt. Dale, c A. E. Gilligan, b A. E. Gilligan	9
Murdin, lbw, b A. E. Gilligan	0
N. Wright, not out	1
Extras	19
Total	111

SUSSEX.—First Innings.

Bowley, c Murdin, b Woolley	14
Street, b Woolley	24
Tate, b Murdin	21
R. L. Harris, b Murdin	0
K. A. Higgs, not out	16
A. E. Gilligan, b Woolley	15
A. E. R. Gilligan, lbw, b Murdin	20
Roberts, c and b Murdin	5
Extras	17
Total (7 wkts)	139

Steinaerd, Col. A. C. Watson, and A. A. Saunders to bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

NORTHANTS.—First Innings: Roberts 5 for 50, Tate 3 for 20, A. E. Gilligan 1 for 4, Bowley 0 for 16, A. E. Gilligan 1 for 8.

Other Sport will be found on Page TEN.

ARCHER MOVING UP.

CREDITABLE DRAW WITH SEAMAN HALL.

Fred Archer, of St. George's, is marching steadily along the road which leads to the light-weight championship goal. He met Seaman Hall in a fifteen-rounds contest at Harrow Football Grounds on Saturday afternoon, and secured a drawn verdict. As Hall is generally recognised as the logical contender for Ernie Rice's title, the last performance of Archer's brings him into the forefront of light-weight possibilities.

Gipsy Daniells defeated Harry Drake at The Ring last Saturday evening. The men boxed the full number of rounds—twenty—and Daniells won on points.

The chief match at the National Sporting Club to-night is one of fifteen rounds between George McKenzie, of Leith, and Charlie Stone, of Tiger Bay. The first will be seconded by his mate, Tommy Lee.

Arthur Wyns and Billy Matthews, of London, are due to clash to-night at the Liverpool Stadium. Matthews recently defeated the European feather-weight champion, but the fact that Wyns has consented to meet the Londoner at 9st. under championship conditions seems to suggest he is not that he is confident of turning the tables on his conqueror.

Jack Goldwin tells me that he will shortly leave for Australia with Joe Fox, Johnny Brown and Jimmy Cotty.

THE GOLD GUARD.

THE FRENCH DERBY.

The Prix du Jockey Club (the French Derby) was decided at Chantilly yesterday afternoon, with the following result:—

Ramus	G. Stern 1
Kefalin	Donoghue 2
Algérien	F. O'Neill 3

Also ran: Joyeux Drille, Prince Coquerico, Mont Blanc, Grillemont, Lamartine, Tribord, Haroun al Rachid, Orange Peel, Bahadur, Frondeur II., Kouve, and Almaviva. Won by a short head; two lengths.

Betting:—10 franc stake: Ramus, 49fr. 50c. to win, 23fr. for a place; Kéfalin, 22fr. for a place; Algérien, 30fr. 50c. for a place.

LONDON BETTING.

There was no call-over of the card for the Royal Hunt Cup on Saturday at either the Victoria Club or the Beaufort Club, so there is nothing to report in the way of club betting on the Ascot event. In Saturday's "Daily Express" it was stated that all betting on future events other than those supplied by responsible officials of the two clubs mentioned above, was ignored. This, of course, had no reference to the prices advertised on future events by Joe Lee, Ltd., which stand by themselves, and are often many points higher than those on offer at the leading clubs. There is no mystery about the crisis of Lee's prices, and the firm lately pointed out that they are openly advertised as Joe Lee's special private prices and not as "London Club Betting."

The card of the Royal Hunt Cup will be called over at 6 p.m. to-day and at 8.15 p.m. to-morrow at the Victoria Club. Beaufort Club calls over are timed for 6 p.m. to-day and 6.30 p.m. to-morrow.

L. AND S.W.R. AND ASCOT.

For the convenience of visitors to Ascot, the London and South-Western Railway Company have arranged for the special booking office at Waterloo Station to be opened from 10 a.m. till 5 p.m. for the sale of first-class tickets to Ascot by the limited special trains.

SHEPHERD'S LUCKY DAY.

HOW SURREY WERE SAVED FROM THE "TYKES."

MANY BLUNDERS.

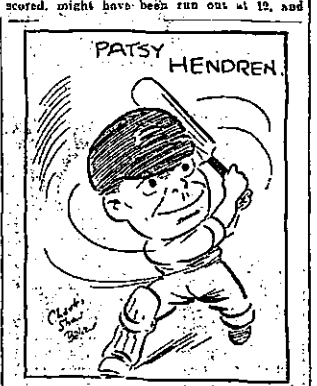
Last season: Surrey won by 179 runs.

Yorkshire and Surrey, who are equal at the head of the county championship table, each having won seven and drawn one of their eight matches, met at Bradford on Saturday, when 20,000 spectators saw Surrey bat nearly all day for 317.

In the early part of the day the state of the wicket left something to be desired, the ball repeatedly getting up awkwardly. In these circumstances Surrey found run-getting no easy matter before lunch, but the Yorkshire fielding was at fault on several occasions, and Surey turned their luck to good account.

Surrey had scored only 11 runs when a ball from Robinson beat Sandham, but there followed some masterly cricket by Hobbs and Ducat, who, in little more than an hour, hit up 79. Hobbs, when once set, hit splendidly all round the wicket, and included in his 52 were six 4's. The departure of Ducat, who was caught at long leg at 90, was followed at the same total by the dismissal of Hobbs.

It was then that the blunders began. Dolphin missing a chance of stumping Jeacocks off the first ball that batsman received. Shepherd, who offered a catch to mid-off before he had scored, might have been run out at 12, and



when 15 was missed at cover-point. Shepherd afterwards played excellent cricket, however.

Barrison stayed with him till the total reached 150, and then came a characteristic display of vigorous and fearless hitting by Fender, who, in the course of forty minutes, made 53 out of 84. The Surrey captain also owed something to luck, inasmuch as a chance he gave when 39 to Wilson at cover-point was not accepted. The innings was finished off rather cheaply, the last four wickets being captured by Macaulay for the addition of 43 runs.

Shepherd was exceptionally lucky to begin with, but later he played thoroughly sound cricket, carrying stolid defence with clean driving and leg hitting. He withstood the Yorkshire attack for three hours and three-quarters, and among his strokes were two 6's and seven 4's. Yorkshire had five minutes' batting before the drawing of stumps, but no runs were scored. Present score:—

SURREY.—First Innings.

Hobbs, lbw, b R. Kilner	52
Sandham, c Robinson	3
Ducat, c Oldroyd, b Macaulay	35
Shepherd, c Waddington, b Macaulay	95
A. Jeacocks, c and b Rhodes	36
Barrison, b Waddington	14
P. G. H. Fender, c Waddington, b Robinson	53
Abel, b Macaulay	0
Hitch, c Dolphin, b Macaulay	0
Peach, not out	14
Strudwick, c Oldroyd, b Macaulay	0
Extras	5
Total	317

YORKSHIRE.—First Innings: Holmes, not out, 0; Sutcliffe, not out, 0. (1 wkt.) 0.

Oldroyd, Kilner (R.), G. Wilson, Rhodes, Robinson, Kilner (N.), Macaulay, Dolphin, and Waddington to bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

SURREY.—First Innings—Robinson 2 for 46, Waddington 3 for 94, R. Kilner 1 for 63, Rhodes 1 for 40, Macaulay 5 for 67.

ON THE WRONG TACK.

HUTCHINSON'S OBJECT LESSON FOR CAUTIOUS BATSMEN.

Last season: Gloucester won by 117 runs.

Derbyshire gave a remarkable batting display in their match at Gloucester on Saturday, when they put together the useful score of 248, to which Gloucestershire replied with 45 without loss.

The early Derbyshire batsmen were either to death about the wicket, or they paid no under respect to the Gloucestershire bowling, for in the ninety minutes' play before the luncheon interval they scored only 9 runs for the loss of three wickets. A cautious start followed. Hodgkins was the first batsman to show that the bowling could be hit. He sent the ball over the ropes on three occasions for 4 and his 67 was nearly free from fault. Cheesman, who obtained his 65 in three-quarters of an hour, followed Hutchinson's example, and Dean, who made 41 in eight hours, while next in merit came the stylish batting of C. H. Jackson.

A remarkable feature of the cricket was that Parker bowled 69 overs, seventeen of which were maidens. His performance of taking half the Derbyshire wickets for 66 runs was, after the circumstances, an exceedingly good one. Present score:—

DERBY.—First Innings.

Storer, b Parker	5
Bowden, st Smith, b Parker	11
Cadman, c Dennett, b Parker	7
Mounsey, c Dennett, b Parker	0
J. R. Jackson, c Williams, b Parker	40
Hutchinson, b Mills	67
G. Cheesman, b Dennett	65
Carter, c Smith, b Parker	7
A. H. Jackson, b Bennett	22
Elliott, not out	3
Bestwick (W.), c Hutchinson, b Bennett	4
Extras	9
Total	248

GLOUCESTER.—First Innings.

Dipper, not out	19
G. N. Robinson, not out	22
Extras	4
Total (0 wkt)	45

A. P. G. Williams, Mills, Capt. M. A. Green, Parker, Smith, Bennett, Dennett, Goddard, and C. L. Bruton to bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

DERBYSHIRE.—First Innings: Bennett 2 for 39, Parker 5 for 66, Mills 1 for 55, Dennett 2 for 37.

CRICKET AVERAGES.

(Calculated to Saturday morning.)

BATTING.

	Inns.	Runs.	Times Not out.	H.S.	Aver.
Hendren	9	747	2	120*	103.71
Russell	16	1116	1	175	79.71
Oldroyd	12	712	1	151	79.11
Hendren	9	499	1	172*	71.29
Woolley (F. E.)	9	531	1	188	66.37