

# ASCOT AND HUNT CUP PROSPECTS.

## Narrow Manchester Defeat for Pharmacie. BODA COLT ATONES Hard Ground a Spoil-Sport at Gatwick Meeting.

Saturday was a wonderful day of sport, with racing at Manchester and Gatwick, the usual cricket matches, the golf final at Gleneagles and the big Polytechnic athletic meeting at Stamford Bridge. And we have Royal Ascot for this week. Chief features of Saturday's sport were:—

**Racing.**—Morning Light won the Salford Borough Handicap at Manchester after a fine race with Pharmacie. At Gatwick Budek Hussar was beaten by Tharros, a 10 to 1 chance, in the Home-Bred Cup.

**Athletics.**—A. R. Mills, the Boston farmer, won the Marathon race from Windsor to Stamford Bridge for the third successive time.

**Golf.**—Abe Mitchell beat Ted Ray in the £1,000 golf final at Gleneagles by 2 up and 1 to play.

**Cricket.**—Surrey and Yorkshire, the leaders in the County Championship, began their match at Bradford. Surrey batted practically all day for 317.

### DROUGHT AND ASCOT.

#### Leading Candidates for Royal Hunt Cup—Pharmacie's Manchester Defeat.

Ascot Eve racing at Manchester and Gatwick was decidedly tame on Saturday, and unless rain, and plenty of it, falls before to-morrow, I am afraid the long drought will leave a very big mark on the royal meeting.

Of course, such races as the Hunt Cup and the Wokingham Stakes will not be affected to any extent. It is the valuable weight-for-age races that will suffer.

In the circumstances it is a little ironical to be confronted with about thirty runners for the Hunt Cup. Half that number would be quite sufficient for the ordinary individual with an idea of finding the winner.

So far, the betting has been rather a hindrance than a help to the solution of the problem. Tetrabazia was made favourite—by the book-makers—because she beat Sicyon at Manchester, but, in spite of that victory, I hear she is not sure to be the best from Manton. Neither is Blue Lady.

#### TRADITION AGAINST FILLIES.

Fillies and three-year-olds have such dismal records in the race that Invergarry—although undoubtedly well handicapped and alleged to be going better than Plato and Roman Bachelor—does not appeal to me. Neither does Collaborator, who seems to have developed a will of his own since his two-year-old days.

Newmarket opinion is favourable to Polydipsia and divided in the case of Black Gown. The latter has certainly yet to prove his ability to stay a mile at top speed—as the Hunt Cup is always run—and we know his dislike for the "gate."

Leighton is one of the best-handicapped horses in the race—on his reputation—and Silver Image and Crubenmore two of those about whom there are no ifs and buts. At present, indeed, I prefer Crubenmore to them all, for he will be running over his best distance and has a pull of 12lb. with Silver Image compared with the Jubilee weights.

#### PHARMACIE'S GALLANT FAILURE.

Pharmacie accomplished the best performance since her two-year-old days at Manchester on Saturday, when, after losing ground at the start, she just failed to give Morning Light two stones in the Salford Borough Handicap.

The defeat of Pharmacie, by the way, robbed Cottrill of two distinct trebles, for the Lambourn trainer had won the big event on each of the two previous days, and Boda Colt and Backwood took the two races that followed the big sprint.

When making his debut at Epsom the Boda Colt had the reputation of being the best youngster in Mr. White's string, but he swerved badly at the start, and was never in the hunt. On Saturday he outpaced his rivals from the gate to such an extent that nothing could get within eight lengths of him.

Like Cottrill, Alec Taylor will also have pleasant memories of the meeting. Tetrabazia won her first race when beating Sicyon in the £2,000 Royal Standard Stakes, and Lady Juror, with only Sir Greysteel in opposition, copied the example in the Red Rose Stakes.

#### BUCKS HUSSAR BEATEN.

Bucks Hussar met with another defeat at Gatwick, where Tharros brought off a 10-to-1 chance in the Home-Bred Cup, and did it in good style.

Golden Idol also helped to keep the wolf from the bookmakers' doors by beating some better-fancied horses in the Three-Year-Old Handicap. As Fast and Furious missed the June Handicap owing to the hard ground, Jilted was given a chance to atone for his Hurst Park defeat, and did it handsomely; Farseeing overcame the disadvantage of a slow beginning to win the Crabbet Stakes; Ashes was a good favourite in the Hollyhush Plate, and Epsom were "on" Gwennlian to a man in the Emlay Handicap.

#### BOUVERIE.



Hardinge, the Kent cricketer, who is at the top of the first-class batting averages. H. M. Abrahams, who finished third in the sprint at Stamford Bridge.

### RAMUS WINS FRENCH DERBY.

#### Stern Beats Donoghue After a Thrilling Finish at Chantilly.

Donoghue missed winning another big race yesterday by a short head. He rode Ketaïin in the Prix du Jockey Club (French Derby) at Chantilly, and was beaten by Ramus, ridden by Stern. Third place was gained by Algerian, O'Neill's mount. There were fifteen runners, and the price of the winner was 89/1 to 10 and 12 to 10 for a place. Ketaïin started at 12 to 10 for a place, and Algerian at 20 to 10. Frank Bullock was well enough to attend the meeting.

### MITCHELL FIRST AGAIN.

#### Second Successive Victory in Gleneagles' £1,000 Golf Tournament.

Abe Mitchell's nerves may jump and confuse him when he plays with a card and pencil, but in a match when he is concerned only with the other fellow he is supreme. In the final of the £1,000 tournament at Gleneagles on Saturday he defeated Ted Ray on the thirty-fifth green by two and one. This is Mitchell's second win in succession at Gleneagles.

Ray declared that he deserved to be beaten owing to the number of loose shots which he played, but during the morning he had a rare chance and had he taken it the prize of £200 would probably have been his.

When his opponent was floundering on the greens and appearing as if he could not get the ball into the hole under three putts, he gained a lead of three up. This was at the eleventh and though he could not avoid the loss of the twelfth he might have restored his lead at the fourteenth.

A lead of four holes on the first round would not have exaggerated the superiority of Ray's golf, but the players went into lunch all square.

Mitchell played with plenty of confidence during the second round. He won the fifth, sixth and eighth holes to become three up at the turn and he was dorny three. Ray fought on gallantly and again put the ball two feet off the sixteenth flag and this time he had not to putt. But Mitchell gave him no chance at the seventeenth and the match ended there.

### BROOKLANDS RACING.

#### S. E. Wood on the Duke of York's Motor-Cycle Does Highest Speed.

A large crowd witnessed the Duke of York's motor-cycle driven to an easy victory by S. E. Wood at Brooklands on Saturday.

The machine was of 994.c.c. engine capacity, and had 2m. 10s. start in a distance of about fourteen miles, over which Wood steered it to success at a pace of 86.12 m.p.h., the highest winning average speed of the day.

The two-lap passenger handicap proved to be a very exciting race, as H. Martin just failed to catch S. M. Greening, who was leading all the way. The most successful competitors of the day were R. T. Grogan, H. Martin and T. R. Allochin.

### MRS. MALLORY'S FORM.

#### American Lawn Tennis Champion Beats Mrs. Beamish at Stamford Hill.

Mrs. Mallory, the American champion, atoned for her Chiswick defeat at Stamford Hill on Saturday when she beat Mrs. Beamish in the final of the North London championship by 6-3, 6-4.

In the first set the American made a magnificent recovery after being led by 3-1, and by winning five games consecutively she secured the set at 6-3. Her form excelled anything she had previously shown in this country.

Maintaining her fine form, Mrs. Mallory won the second set and the match at 6-4, but Mrs. Beamish ran several games to vantage.

In the men's singles F. G. Lowe, the holder, had a fine match with Captain H. L. Barclay, former champion of Tasmania, and won three sets to two.

Mrs. Mallory and Miss Sigourney were beaten in the final of the women's doubles by Mrs. Edgington and Miss Manser. The men's doubles went to H. Roper Barrett and H. L. de Morpurgo, and the mixed doubles to Barrett and Mrs. Beamish.

### MISS RYAN'S NORTHERN CUP.

#### Two Victories in Lawn Tennis Finals at Liverpool.

Miss Ryan, with a third consecutive victory at Liverpool, won the Northern Championship Cup outright, beating Miss K. McKane in the final by 6-2, 6-6. A feature of the match was Miss Ryan's fine play at the net, but in the second set she was called upon for a supreme effort after Miss McKane had led by 5-2.

In partnership with R. Lycett, Miss Ryan successfully defended the mixed doubles championship with a victory over L. E. Godfree and Miss McKane, but owing to foot trouble she and Miss Holman conceded a walk-over to Miss McKane and Miss Kemmis Botby in the women's doubles.

### MILLS' MARATHON.

#### Wonderful Record in the Long Distance Race.

### MALVICINI A MILE BEHIND.

A. R. Mills, the Boston farmer, who is a member of the Leicester Harriers, won the Marathon race from Windsor to Stamford Bridge, organised by the Polytechnic Harriers, on Saturday for the third successive year and created a wonderful record.

As usual, the field was representative, as Mills, whose time was 2h. 47m. 30.2-5s., was followed by A. Malvicini (Italy) in 2h. 54m. 34.4-5s., second; Alex Jensen (Denmark) 2h. 56m. 8.1-5s., third, with G. Kinn (Sweden), 3h. 6m. 10.4-5s., sixth.

Jensen just led at five miles in 29m. 5s., Mills and Malvicini, Kinn and Rutter being just behind. At ten miles the Italian was thirty yards ahead of Mills. Kinn being fourth a hundred yards away, and at fifteen miles Bryant had come up into third place, the time being 1h. 30m. 20s.

Nearing the twenty miles point Mills closed up, and just after took the lead to come away and win by fully a mile. In the last few miles C. E. Leatherhead, an unattached man from Apsworth (Notts), came through and took fourth place, and Kinn lost ground on Bryant.

While the Marathon race was in progress the leading London clubs, represented by most of the prominent athletes, were in opposition at Stamford Bridge in a series of contests for the Kinnaird Cup. The Achilles Club, who did not compete last year, but were the holders in 1920, were successful with twenty-eight points. Polytechnic Harriers and Surrey A.C. tied for second place with twenty and a half points.

Achilles won the high jump, putting the shot and mile. In the last-mentioned event W. G. Tatham ran a great race and won by five yards in 4m. 30.2-5s. Polytechnic were successful in the hurdles, long jump, and quarter, and Surrey secured the 100 yards and half-mile. Two Surrey men, L. C. Royle and W. A. Hill, were first and second in the sprint, the former beating the ex-champion by inches in 10.2-5s. H. M. Abrahams, the Cambridge Blue, running for the Achilles, was third half a yard away.

### NORTHERN CHAMPIONS.

#### Many Titles Retained at Fallowfield—Howard Baker Stands Down.

Many holders retained their titles at the Northern Counties' athletic championships at Fallowfield on Saturday. B. Howard Baker did not defend his in the high jump, and this went to J. C. Simpson, of Liverpool University, with 5ft. 4ins.

R. Bridge (Salford), in the two-miles walk, H. Ingram (Salford) in the half-mile, C. A. Rae (Warrington) in the two-miles steeplechase, J. S. Birkett (Port Sunlight) in the pole jump, D. Carroll (Manchester Dock Police) in throwing the hammer, and W. H. Childs in the long jump, all retained their titles.

R. Gill (Liverpool University) won the 100 yards, J. E. Blair (Liverpool) the hurdles, W. C. Fay (Broughton) the mile, R. N. Ripley (West Hartlepool) the quarter, and B. Hall (Salford) the four miles.

In the mile relay Salford Harriers, the holders, defeated Hallamshire by five yards in 3m. 53.1-5s.

### SCOTT WINS FIFTY MILES.

#### Marlborough Cyclist Retains His Title—Stewart's Bad Luck.

The National Cyclists' Union fifty miles championship was decided at Herne Hill on Saturday. Interest centred in the problem of whether Sam. Scott, the Marlborough A.C. veteran, would be able to retain the title, which he wrested from W. G. Stewart last year. Favoured by some luck and splendid pacing, and helped by his natural stamina and speed, Scott rode a great race and won by two laps in 1h. 48m. 21.2-5s.

W. G. Stewart (Kentish Wheelers) had bad luck in puncturing twice, each time losing a lap, and as he finished very strongly, it was evident that he would have made a great race of it had he been able to go through on the same machine. Stewart's time was 1h. 49m. 37s.

The other finishers were F. C. Bartholomew (Balam C.C.), G. F. Brown (Southern Elite), C. A. Percival (Belle Vue), H. M. Ellis (Catford) and H. G. Bramwell (Catford).

The two miles tandem race, which was decided in heats, was won by H. E. Ryan (Poly.) and T. Harvey (Catford) by half a length in 5m. 20.4-5s. The last furlong was covered in 11.3-5s. W. H. Morgan and H. T. Johnson (Catford) were second, and F. Harwood and E. H. Hornsby (Catford) third.

### OFFSIDE RULE UNALTERED.

#### Scottish Proposal Withdrawn at International Board Meeting.

At a meeting of the International Football Association Board at Llandudno on Saturday the Scottish F.A. withdrew their proposal which sought to alter the off-side rule.

In announcing the withdrawal the Scottish representative said he had noticed in the Press that the F.A. had instructed their representatives to vote against this alteration. It was therefore useless his proceeding with the motion, which required unanimity to give it effect, but he had strong arguments to put before the Board, and he hoped that on future occasions when his association brought forward the proposal the F.A. would allow their representatives to come to the meeting unfettered to hear the arguments.

The Welsh proposal that the country playing at home in internationals should have the right to a Saturday match was withdrawn after Mr. Robbins had made out a good case. The Board expressed the wish that the Council of the F.A. would deal with the Welsh F.A. sympathetically when matches are to be decided in Wales.

The representatives of Ireland and Wales agreed that before any player was chosen for their international teams they would write to the players' clubs and ask if they were prepared to release them.

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