

ALL LONDON'S BIG THREE WIN LEAGUE MATCHES

Arsenal Excel Themselves Against Liverpool.

SAM HARDY HURT.

Many Reversals of Last Week's Results in Return Games.

Although there was heavy rain in London on Saturday afternoon, fine weather was general in the provinces, and some big crowds saw keenly-contested games in League football. The forty-three games played under the auspices of the Football League attracted some 670,000 spectators.

Smaller Figures.—These figures naturally fall below the high-water mark of the opening day, but all the same they are a testimony to the hold football has on the public.

LONDON'S BIG THREE.

Arsenal Beat Champions and Spurs and Chelsea Win.

A feature of the day was the success attending the efforts of London's three First League clubs. Arsenal at home and Spurs and Chelsea away all won their matches, a happy augury for a good season.

I was particularly pleased with the Arsenal's success. So often last season they seemed to have the fates against them, and so often one had to more or less explain away undeserved defeat, that one can only hope that *Dame Fortune* will lavish more of her favours Highbury way this season.

At any rate, the Arsenal were just a trifle fortunate in beating the champions, for Liverpool played fine football, particularly in the second half, and merited an equaliser.

Rain fell in torrents just before the match started, and the Highbury ground was practically flooded. Arsenal adopted bustling tactics, and swung the ball about. It paid, for they had the best of the exchanges. *Voysey* in particular at centre-half made splendid openings for his forwards, and if he keeps his form the Arsenal will accomplish big things this season.

ARSENAL'S CENTRE-HALF.

Nearing the end of the first half *Voysey* sent Blyth away on the left wing, and, beating Longworth, the little man ran on, with no one but the goalkeeper to beat. A foot went out; he fell, and Hutchins scored from the spot kick.

Both defences were admirable in the second half. We saw some dazzling passing by the Liverpool forwards, but splendid defence by *Voysey*, Baker and Bradshaw kept them out.

A friend who went to Cardiff with the Spurs tells me that they will gain no better victory this year than their 3-2 success. The Spurs lasted the better and dominated the play in the second half. "They played superb football," he says, "and the machine worked far smoother than a week ago."

The return of Bliss was partly responsible for this. He got the first goal, the ball going through off Page's leg. Then came two minutes of sensational football. Len Davies, the Cardiff leader, scored the first from a centre by Grimshaw, and the second with a fierce shot from outside the penalty area.

The Spurs ran away with the match in the second half. Seed equalised from a corner, and Smith put them ahead. Cardiff were unlucky in having Clennel limping in the closing stages, and it upset the forward line.

BRAVO CHELSEA.

And bravo Chelsea! Well held in the first half, at Birmingham, they were hard pressed to keep their goal intact. Howard-Baker performed prodigies in goal, and Foxall missed some glittering chances for Birmingham by bad shooting.

Then Chelsea's training told, and Cock, Wilding and Mehan were to the fore with sparkling attacks. Thirteen minutes from the end Sharp headed a goal from a corner, and although Birmingham played up desperately, they could not get through.

Newcastle United met with their first defeat, Everton retaliating for the beating at Newcastle on the opening day by snatching the odd goal in five at Goodison Park. It was a game of many thrills. Everton, starting with great dash, were 2 up in ten minutes, Irvine and Brewster finding the net, and after McDonald had scored for the Magpies, Williams restored the balance, and Everton led (3-1) at the interval.

Some beautiful football was seen in the second half. Newcastle forced the pace, and Harris scored a second goal, but Fern was not to be beaten again, although McDonald and Smalles tested him with fine shots. Dicky Downs, the famous Everton back, was injured in the last minute of the game and carried off the field.

Aston Villa came another big cropper, Blackburn Rovers beating them (4-2) at Ewood Park. They had Capewell at centre forward instead of Dickson. *Hodkinson* got a goal for the Rovers, and Moss turned the ball between his own posts. York got one for the Villa, and McKinnel headed a third for the Rovers before the interval.

A feature of the second half was the pace of the Rovers' forwards, splendidly led by young Ronald Haworth. Rollo scored a fourth goal from a penalty, before Kirton shot the Villa's second point.

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Sam Hardy, Nottingham Forest's goalkeeper who was hurt at Sunderland.



Bombardier Wells, who will meet Jack Bloomfield at Albert Hall on October 12.

FOREST'S POINT.

Huddersfield Lose at Home—Albion Defeat Burnley.

(Continued from column 1.)

Nottingham Forest, promoted from the Second Division, did well to share the honours at Sunderland, where nothing was scored. Hardy in goal had a lot to do with their immunity from defeat, however. He was unluckily hurt in the second half, but Harry Martin fell back from the forward line and filled his place satisfactorily.

Stoke, the other promoted club, also took part in a drawn game, Oldham sharing four goals with them. J. Broad notched both Stoke's points, and Hibbert and Marshall scored for Oldham.

Huddersfield, the Cup-holders, who are freely tipped in Yorkshire as likely to play a prominent part in the League championship this season, met with a shock at home from Middlesbrough. Birrell scored once in each half for the visitors, who just about deserved to win.

Burnley did not greatly impress the onlookers at Highbury on Monday last, and on Saturday they were beaten at West Bromwich. Davies got two long-range goals for the Albion and Anderson scored for Burnley in the first half. Although they lost Gregory in the early stages of the second, the Albion held their lead to the end.

Six goals were shared at Hyde-road between Manchester City and Sheffield United. Browell, Doran and Murphy got the City's goals and Menlove (two) and Johnson those for Sheffield, who were led by 3-1 at one time in the second half. Bolton Wanderers, who have made a dismal start to the season, drew at home with Preston. Both centre forwards rejoice in the name of Roberts, and both scored a goal.

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LEWIS TO FIGHT TO-NIGHT.

Match with Thomas at Premierland—Wells' Next Contest.

Kid Lewis, the European middle-weight champion, will be seen in action again to-night, when he meets Marcel Thomas, the ex-middle-weight champion of France, in a fifteen rounds' contest at Premierland. The men have already met before in a no-decision contest, and the Frenchman has also met Jack Britton and Joe Gans.

Jack Bloomfield's opponent at the Albert Hall, on October 12, will be "Bombardier" Wells, Major Wilson stated on Saturday.

On the same night, J. Beckett meets Frank Moran, and Soldier Jones opposes Albert Lloyd. This will be one of the biggest programmes Major Wilson has ever staged.

N.C.U. CHAMPIONS.

Johnson Wins Half-Mile, but Punctures in Race for "Lasso" Cup.

Bad weather to a large extent spoiled the N.C.U.'s "meeting of champions" at Herne Hill on Saturday. George Owen (Manchester Wheelers) did not turn up for the 880 yards scratch race, which H. T. Johnson (Catford) won in 69s. F. H. Habberfield (Polytechnic) was second, half a length behind, and H. E. Fuller (Marlborough) third.

The one mile scratch race for the "Old Timers" Cup, a trophy presented for riders of the old "ordinary" bicycle with solid tyres, was won by J. W. Bartlett (Catford), the holder, in 3m. 28s. A. R. Skeel (Cambridge) was second, beaten by a length.

H. T. Johnson, holder of three shares in the "Lasso" Cup for the three miles "point to point" race, had only to win once more to make the trophy his own. He punctured in the first half-lap, and F. H. Habberfield went over the line in front of A. White (Rover) and J. E. Sibbitt (Manchester Wheelers), but Sibbitt, having scored 20 points, becomes the holder of the cup.

U.S. BEATEN IN DOUBLES.

Patterson and O'Hara Wood Defeat Tilden and Richards.

Australia, represented by G. L. Patterson and P. O'Hara Wood, beat America (W. T. Tilden and V. Richards) in the doubles match of the Davis Cup challenge round at Forest Hills on Saturday by 6-4, 6-0, 6-3, says Reuter.

The result now hangs on the remaining two singles to be played to-day. If America wins one of them she retains the cup, if the Australians win both they lift the trophy. Owing to his brilliant play in the doubles O'Hara Wood will face Tilden to-day instead of J. O. Anderson.

SURREY JUNIOR LAWN TENNIS.

The Surrey junior lawn tennis championships were concluded at Surbiton on Saturday. Results:—Boys' singles: D. Millard beat H. Cooper 6-2, 6-1. Girls' singles: Miss G. Stery beat Miss P. Cranfield 6-3, 7-5. Boys' doubles: J. Clarke and M. McCabe beat N. Kennedy and R. O. Hicks 6-4, 4-6, 6-4. Girls' doubles: Miss G. Stery and Miss E. Dearnam beat Miss P. Cranfield and Miss P. Horton 6-1, 6-4. Mixed doubles: H. G. Cooper and Miss G. Stery beat J. Saylor and Miss D. Saylor 6-2, 6-3.

GOLF IN AMERICA.

British Players Do Well in Qualifying Competition.

A field of about 170 players, including some of the best golfers of America and Britain, began the tournament for the amateur championship of the United States on the course of the Brookline Country Club, Mass., on Saturday in fine weather.

Saturday's qualifying competition was over eighteen holes, and as the result sixty-four players and those tying for sixty-fourth place qualified to take part in another qualifying test over thirty-six holes to-day, which will eliminate all but thirty-two competitors, who will then compete by match play.

Robert Gardner (Hinsdale) led the field with a score of 71, which equalled the par of the green. Jesse Guilford (Woodland), the holder, took 74. Colin Aylmer, one of the English entrants, had a round of 76. The leading British entrant was W. B. Torrance, of Edinburgh, who, with M. A. Greer, tied for second place with 72. Cyril Tolley took 74. John Cavan 78, W. Willis Mackenzie 79 and W. I. Hunter 81. Bernard Darwin and Roger Wethered each took 82.

Other leading scores were: R. T. (Bobby) Jones (Atlanta), J. W. Sweetser (Siwanoy) and J. G. Anderson (Siwanoy), 78; Charles Evans (Edge-water) and J. T. Beadle (Llamerch), 74; G. F. Aulbach (Scarborough) and V. Retan (Houston), 75; W. C. Fownes, jun. (Oakmont), and Francis Oumet (Woodland), 76; T. D. Armour (Westchester-Biltmore), 77.

HIGH WYCOMBE SPORTS.

W. A. Hill Wins Furlong—H. F. V. Edward Breaks Down.

H. F. V. Edward won his heat of the 220 yards scratch race at the annual sports of the Wycombe Athletic Club on Saturday, but strained a thigh muscle in the final and did not finish. Victory went to W. A. Hill, the ex-champion, in 22 2-5s.

Surrey A.C. won the two miles team race in 9m. 40 1-5s, with 9 points, and Birchfield Harriers were second with 12 points. Two Surrey men, J. Shadick and J. H. Hulton, were first home.

GATWICK RUNNERS AND S.P.

Race.	Price.	Winner.	Jockey.
Rostrum (13)	3-1	Dutchman	V. Smyth.
T.Y.O. (9)	5-1	Breslane	Whalley.
County (13)	7-1	Fernley	Whalley.
Lowbid (12)	5-2	Lewood	Archibald.
Sutton (12)	7-2	Almond Wine	Feltham.
Moderate (6)	8-1	Golden Victory	J. Clarke.

HAYDOCK.

Grand Stand (7)	7-1	Island Lord	R. Jones.
Paddock N. (10)	6-1	Golden Error	Donoghue.
Garswood (11)	5-1	Rock Fire	Voight.
Wigan N. (10)	5-1	Wash	Childs.
St. Helen's (6)	2-7	Royal Hussar	Gardner.
		Brinklow	Elliott.

AUTUMN HANDICAPS.

Weights for Cesarewitch and Cambridgeshire on Thursday.

VOIGHT'S FIRST WIN.

There is a good week's racing before us. Derby has Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and Windsor and Manchester follow. Just as the Peveril of the Peak Plate, at Derby, is looked upon as an interesting trial for the Cambridgeshire, so the Prince Edward Handicap at Manchester is considered a test for the Cesarewitch.

The Peveril of the Peak Plate will be decided on Thursday, and it may be well to keep an eye on Evander. His running in the Liverpool Cup on Saturday will take a lot of picking to pieces. He then finished third to Eaglehawk and Stratford.

Evander's next outing was at Goodwood, and after finishing second to Statuary in the Chesterfield Cup was disqualified for crossing. He was again second on Saturday at Haydock Park, but was conceding Rock Fire, the winner, a lot of weight. With 8st. 4lb. Evander should certainly be thereabouts on Thursday. Alice Taylor has a very strong hand, but at the moment the intentions of the stable are not known.

There will not be a large field for the Prince Edward Handicap at Manchester on Saturday. No purpose would be served in making a selection now, but Double Hackle will have to be reckoned with.

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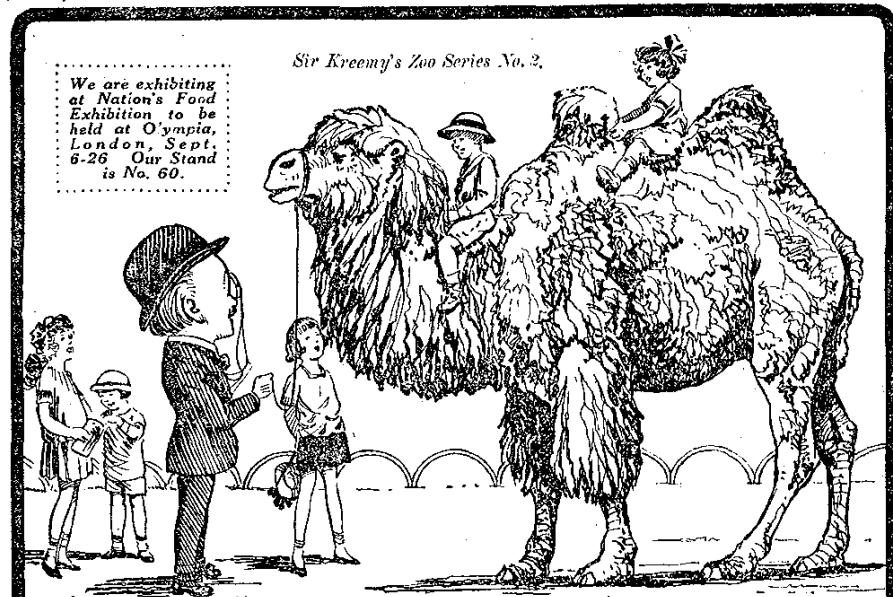
Thursday's "Racing Calendar" will supply us with the weights for the Cesarewitch and Cambridgeshire, and regarding these two handicaps we received some pointers at York last week. Backwood ran a good and honest race in the Ebor Handicap, and is one that should not be missed in a long-distance event. Taylor's string in the Cesarewitch consists of Air Balloon, East Tor, Galaciella, Juniso, Manton, Tomatin and Won-by-Winning.

In the Cambridgeshire the Manton stable is responsible for Blue Lady, Dragon, Galaciella, Lady Juror, Manton, Sister-in-Law, Stratford and Tebrabazia. It will be interesting to see what weight is allotted to Sister-in-Law, who put up a fine display in the Yorkshire Oaks.

At Gatwick and Haydock Park on Saturday the only favourites successful were Dutchman, Lowood and Brinklow. At Gatwick Nymphida, who won at Bath, was favourite for the County Handicap, but never looked like carrying her penalty to the front. From start to finish nothing was ever really in the race but the placed horses, and Fernley outstayed Excel and Pandarus to win by a length and a half.

Will Somers carried the King's livery at Haydock Park, but failed to follow in the footsteps of Woodrow, who was successful on the opening day. Royal Alarm, strongly fancied by his connections, failed to run up to expectations, and Rock Fire gave Voight his first winning ride in this country.

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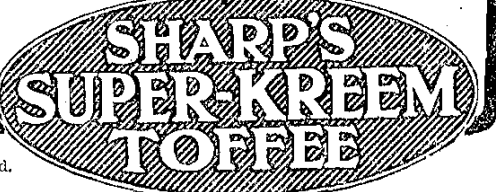


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