

DAY OF ACCIDENTS IN FIRST LEAGUE FOOTBALL

London's Big Three Have a Bad Time.

CHELSEA STILL TOP.

Jephcott Fractures a Knee in Villa and Albion Match.

Surprise follows surprise in this season's League football. The season is now but three Saturdays old, and already only Chelsea remain undefeated in the First Division of the League. And, although they only drew with Middlesbrough on Saturday at Stamford Bridge, they still occupy the foremost place in League football.

Crooked Players.—Jephcott, the famous West Bromwich right winger, fractured a knee in the match with the Villa. Fletcher, of Manchester City, displaced a cartilage in his knee, and Brownell, also of the City, was carried off the field. Cock, of Chelsea, was also in the wars.

SPURS' BIG DEFEAT.

Burnley Profit by Opponents' Bad Shooting—Arsenal Lose at Cardiff.

Chelsea, with their galaxy of star players, were at times past understanding last year. For a time against Middlesbrough it appeared as if history was to be repeated. The forwards could not find their game, and the Middlesbrough attack, splendidly led by Wilson, was always dangerous.

The opening goal came in the last minute before the breather, Wilson running in to beat Howard Baker with a rising ball while some of the Chelsea men were appealing for offside.

Chelsea lost Cock in the second half. True, he was on the ground, but he limped along at outside left, McNeil filling the centre berth. Chelsea made a big rally halfway through, and less than a quarter of an hour from the end McNeil made the scores level.

In times gone by failure in front of goal has been one of the weaknesses of the Spurs, even when playing on the top of their game. They gave a truly delightful display against Burnley, but only got one goal, and Burnley got three—and it's figures that talk.

BURNLEY'S DEFENCE.

Burnley attacked four times at the most in the first half, and got two goals, through Kelly and Watson, their captain and left half. For the rest of the forty-five minutes the Spurs' forwards and half-backs were trying to manoeuvre the ball through the lines held so well by Taylor and Smelt at back and Dawson in goal, and they could not do it.

Cantrill did get a goal in the second half, but that was neutralised by one scored by Cross in a breakaway. One cannot explain away such a defeat—it is part of the glorious uncertainty of this most uncertain game, and certainly one of its greatest charms. While such football is served up as we saw from both teams at White Hart-lane, results do not, after all, matter greatly to the enthusiast.

The Arsenal completed Saturday's melancholy record, so far as London's big three are concerned, by losing at Cardiff. In the first half they flattered their small band of supporters by scoring first through Whittaker. Grimshaw, however, converted a nice pass from Gill, and although the Arsenal with the wind behind them pressed until the breather they could not score again.

The wind made a lot of difference to Cardiff's attack afterwards, and Nash gave them the lead, and Len Davies subsequently scored two more goals.

There was an unfortunate happening in the match between the Villa and West Bromwich Albion, Jephcott, the Albion's outside right, coming into collision with Blackburn and fracturing his right knee. It put the Albion off their game, and Moss got through for the Villa before the breather.

A clever goal by Capewell in the first minutes of the second half settled the issue, and gave the Villa two much-needed points.

FLETCHER'S BAD LUCK.

There were also injuries to players in the Manchester City-Birmingham match at Hyde-road, in which Birmingham were successful by a goal to nothing. Bradford ran through and scored for the "Brams" after eight minutes. In trying to stop him Fletcher, one of the backs, displaced a cartilage in his knee and had to be carried off the field.

Manchester played pluckily with ten men in the second half, but met with another misfortune ten minutes before the end, when Rowell was carried off apparently badly injured.

Preston Guild Week wound up with a record crowd of 37,000 at Deepdale. They could have had no more attractive match, for Liverpool, the champions, were North End's opponents. A feature of the game was the brilliant play of Johnson, the Liverpool centre-forward. Wadsworth, for Liverpool, and Quantzill, for Preston, scored in the first half, but Johnson and Chambers got two more goals for Liverpool before the end and gave the champions the points.

Everton were always a bit better than Blackburn Rovers at Goodison Park. Irvine, in the first half, and Forbes subsequently scored.



Jesse Sweetser, who beat Chick Evans in the final of American amateur golf championship on Saturday.



Criqui (France), who defeated Wyns (Belgium) in Paris on Saturday in the sixth round of their contest.

SUNDERLAND'S CHANGES.

Cresswell, One of Wearsiders' Big Players, Takes a Rest.

Sunderland dropped Cresswell, their back, for whom they paid South Shields so much money last season, in their match at Bolton, and were also without Kasher, Oakley and Whipp taking their places for the first time in League football.

In some scrappy play nothing was scored in the first half, and subsequently the Wanderers had much the best of the exchanges and Vizard scored.

Just after this Bolton lost their half-back, Longworth and Ellis ran through and equalised for Sunderland, and subsequently missed a fine chance of giving the visitors the victory.

Newcastle United, who got goals through Hudspeth (penalty), Harris and Macdonald, were too good for Sheffield United, and Oldham, for whom J. Marshall and Wood scored, beat Nottingham Forest by 2 to 0.

Stoke, who had the Cup-holders for opponents, were a bit lucky to share the points. J. Broad scored first for Stoke; Smith equalised from a penalty. Islip put Huddersfield ahead, but just before the end Cowell, their goalkeeper, knocked the ball into his own net. P. J. M.

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CRICKET AT SCARBOROUGH.

Fierce Hitting by Amateur Batsmen Against Players.

There was some fierce hitting at Scarborough on Saturday. The amateurs declared with six wickets down, leaving their opponents 362 to get to win. Little more than three hours remained for cricket, however, and the match was left drawn.

In the first fifty minutes Carr hit up 65 out of 86, and his dashing innings included six sixes off Woolley. On Carr's dismissal Mann and Chapman added 107 in forty-five minutes before rain stopped play, no fewer than 198 runs having been compiled in ninety-five minutes.

Mann reached his century, but was out next ball. His hits included two sixes and fifteen fours.

In the Players' second knock Hobbs, after being twice missed, made 74, and Holmes batted well right up to the close. Scores—

PLAYERS—227 to 171 for 6 wks declared. Amateurs—227 to 171 for 1 wk.

GOLF AMATEURS.

Royal and Ancient Club State a Definition of the Term.

In view of the recent controversy the Royal and Ancient Club has adopted the following definition, which clearly outlines the premier club's ruling as to the status of an amateur in golf.

The Championship Committee has issued the new definition, as follows:—

- An amateur golfer is one who, after attaining the age of sixteen years, has not:—
- (a) Carried clubs for hire,
- (b) Received any consideration, either directly or indirectly, for playing or for teaching the game, or for playing in a match or tournament.
- (c) Because of his skill as a golfer, received after December 31, 1922, a salary or remuneration either directly or indirectly from any firm dealing in goods relating to the playing of the game.
- (d) Played for a money prize in any competition.

Note.—The acceptance without payment of golf balls, clubs or golf merchandise, will render a player ineligible to compete in the amateur championship.

CRIQUE V. WYNS.

Belgian Knocked Out in Sixth Round in Paris.

The so-called match for the feather-weight championship of Europe between Eugene Criqui (France) and Arthur Wyns (Belgium) took place in Paris on Saturday.

When the pair met in Paris on July 7 Criqui was successful with a knock-out in the twelfth round, but the decision was disputed by Wyns' backers, who declared that he was on his feet at the moment when the tenth second was counted.

On Saturday Criqui took half the time to defeat his rival, Wyns' seconds throwing in the sponge in the sixth round.

YOUNG LAWNER CHAMPIONS.

There was an excellent final in the Boys' Singles championship at St. George's Hill, Weybridge, on Saturday, when H. W. Austin defeated D. S. Milford by 7-5, 7-5.

Miss G. R. Sterry had little difficulty in defeating Miss M. A. Saunders in the final of the Girls' Singles by 6-1, 6-4. H. G. N. Cooper and D. S. Milford, both of Rugby, won the final of the Boys' Doubles, and the Girls' Doubles went to Miss M. Lambert and Miss B. Corbin.

Phyllis Court Lawn Tennis.—The Phyllis Court tournament finished on Saturday at Henley-on-Thames, when F. M. B. Fisher won the men's singles and Mrs. Craddock the ladies' singles.

BOY GOLF CHAMPION.

South Triumphs Over the North in Final at Ascot.

The new boy golf champion is H. S. Mitchell, of Sandwich, and Thanet, the Southern home of golf, will be proud of him. He has a boy's fondness for sport and something more than the average boy's prowess. At football and cricket he represents his school; at golf he is the boy champion. On Saturday, at Ascot, he beat W. Greenfield, of Newcastle, by 4 and 2, and he won because his golf was more accurate.

No doubt these two young players felt the importance of the occasion; no doubt the ordeal was a trying one; but perhaps it was the more so for the tutors of the two finalists who watched the fortunes of their pupils. The one was Dick May, professional to the Benton Park Club, of which Greenfield is a member. The other was a proud mother who, ten years ago, guided the baby hands of her son as he strove to hit the wee sma' ball.

The mother saw the triumph of her son and her pupil, and we may be sure that the victory was every bit as sweet to her as to her boy. Manoeuvrier, the gallant French challenger, had consolation on Saturday. He won the stroke competition for players beaten in the early rounds of the championship, and the 75 which he scored shows that the youth of France is a power to be reckoned with in the future of the royal and ancient game.

WITH THE ATHLETES.

Rochester Runners Well to the Fore in Kent County Championships.

Members of the City of Rochester A.C. were well to the fore in Kent county championships at the annual sports of the Whitefriars Press Club and Institute at Tonbridge on Saturday.

W. C. E. Spencer (Rochester) won the 220 yards senior championship in 23 4-5s., G. H. Lloyd (Rochester) the 220 yards junior championship in 24 3-5s., and W. Richards, L. Harris, H. W. Cole and G. H. Lloyd (City of Rochester) won the 880 yards relay race for the Kent junior championship in 1m. 44 3-5s.

G. P. Sweet (Surrey A.C.) led throughout in the 880 yards senior championship. Training Battalion R.E., Chatham, carried off the mile relay, and W. E. Edwards (Dartford R.F.C.) was successful in the 880 yards junior championship in 2m. 10 3-5s.

In a contest of twelve events between United Hospitals, Banks, Insurance and Stock Exchange teams at Honor Oak Park, Banks won with 37 points. C. L. Steyn (Hospitals) took the 100 yards in 10 1-5s., the furlong in 22s., and the long jump with 20ft. 8 1/2 in.

Lancashire defeated Yorkshire in a mile relay race at Sliden, near Keighley, by thirty yards. T. Mathewman (Huddersfield) won a 100 yards scratch race in 10 4-5s.

ST. LEGER WEEK.

What Will Take the Place of Scratched Favourites?

BIG FIELD PROBABLE.

Wednesday will see the St. Leger, the last classic of the season, decided, and the fact that the field will in the main be composed of second and third raters will have little effect on the attendance at Doncaster. The probable starters would not lend distinction to a three-year-old handicap at a Monday meeting in the Midlands.

The disappearance of Captain Cuttle, Tamar, St. Louis and others has naturally encouraged owners to run anything eligible and fairly sound. Not many days ago Villars, Prestongrange, Fred Power and Ramus were all objects of scorn as St. Leger candidates.

But the situation has changed, and the four colts named are expected to play a conspicuous part in Wednesday's struggle.

We certainly look like having over a score of runners on Wednesday. There were eighteen starters when Black Jester won in 1914, and we have to go back to 1833 to find a field of twenty going to the post.

Villars is one that is fancied to carry off the spoils now that the cracks have faded out, and Prestongrange is another expected to require a lot of beating. Lord Woolavington, the owner of Prestongrange, will also run Fred Power.

Prestongrange is trained by Gilpin at Newmarket, and Fred Power is under the charge of Fred Darling at Beekhampton.

DONOGHUE'S MOUNT.

It is not often that an owner who has suffered the misfortune of having to scratch a favourite for the Doncaster classic can fall back upon such a double barrel as Prestongrange and Fred Power. It will probably be found that Donoghue rides Fred Power, and the combination is certain to figure prominently in the wagering if not in the contest itself. Archibald will have the mount on Prestongrange.

What of the French colt, Ramus? Now that the poverty of the land has been disclosed he is to take his chance, and in such a year as this has a great opportunity. It has been stated that George Stern is to ride, but my information is that Garnor will be in the saddle.

Ramus has a marked antipathy to the starting gate, but I am warned that if he gets away from the barrier on fair terms he will show a clean pair of heels to the opposition.

Day is said to be doubtful as to whether Bucks Hussar can reverse the Grand Prix placings with Ramus. Silurium has come into the reckoning by his victory over Lady Juror, Soubriquet and others in the Breeders' St. Leger at Derby last week, and Coreyrian will far from "stagger humanity" if he is identified with the finish of the race.

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