Novice's Luck Prevails In Great Finish

By THE SCOUT *(Cyril Luckman)*

NEWMARKET, Wednesday.

WHEN ten horses or more seemed to finish almost in a line a record Newmarket crowd realised it was "some Cambridgeshire!"

Office bookmakers all over the country stood by the tapes, read "Artist's Prince, Red Squaw, Inchkeith," and ejaculated with relief, "No Dan Bulger!"

They were saved, and will perhaps not make so much of losing books over a winner shouted from the housetops by little "Johnny" Dines, and backed down from 40's to 13—1.

Before I tell you of the horses who "might have won," but were not among the favoured lot on the stand side, I must relate a very human story of "novice's luck" in excelsis.

Dines's Irish wife—still holding a half-share in the winner with Major R. Glover, a Mossley (near Manchester) wire-rope manufacturer—stood over the little trainer as he first emphasised how he had now bred and ridden a winner in Double Life, and completed a record Cambridgeshire treble by training Artist's Prince.

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GIFT HORSE

BRED from a free service and sold for 100 guineas to pay a dead patron's training bill, "and only because I made the new owner reluctantly give the money to keep the yearling, then in George Coldbeck's stable." Artist's Prince was a gift to Mrs. Dines to be the first horse in the stable when Johnny retired from the saddle and set up his Epsom establishment this year.

Captain Ahern and his friends had tired of Artist's Prince when the colt was given away.

Then Major R. Glover came along, and Mrs. Dines sold him a half-share for £1,000.

"I've been keen on racing for forty years, but never owned a horse before Artist's Prince and Hazel," the little Lancashire owner told me.

He had hedged £2,000 of his winnings, and Mrs. Dines stood a good sum to nothing after her fine long-odds bet "because Johnny thought he ought to have won the Hunt Cup." A first big race for two new owners and a new trainer!

And I told you early last week how public he had made his "Will win" tip. "We told all our friends and the public the truth all the time" the owner also insisted to me.

"See that Richardson doesn't be forgetful and get disqualified by unsaddling in the wrong place after his eighty-four losers off the reel" I said joking to Dines after the race.

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DONCASTER FORM

MIDGE broke the spell all right, and recalled to us how he had also landed a Cambridgeshire long-shot in Pullover for the Middlenam stable, which now produced the third—Inchkeith.

Nevett, like the winning rider, had to put up 2lbs. overweight. It nearly made all the difference to Artist's Prince, and it was remarkable that the Doncaster dead-heaters should now be first and second and only divided by a neck.

The stronger man just beat the little good boy on Mr. Glasspool's Red Squaw. Youngster Power explained how Red Squaw had always been bang there near the early leader Nadushka and the speedy Celestial Way on the stand side, but that she became a bit unbalanced coming down the hill before finishing so stoutly.

It had been hoped a long time back to get D. Smith for Red Squaw, but he did not actually become free until Noble King and Streamstown were not saddled today.

I may add that Edgehill—another of the younger Smith's possible mounts—ran really well and once seemed likely to be among the placed horses. Nor was Steve's mount, Spot Barred, "disgraced."

"I certainly took the lead of those on my side in the Dip and always thought I was going to win, but could see Daytona far out a great danger and should not have been surprised to hear we were first and second," Richardson told me.

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RACING journalists are supposed to be robot-like and not shout, but I certainly "gave tongue" for Daytona, and in common with many others thought Daytona had been placed second or third. And so did Michael Beary!

It seemed beyond human eyesight to get them all in, but the judge's angle alone counts at the win or place settling and up went numbers 33—31—17 with the neck and head verdict. He had also placed Zaimis fourth in front of Daytona.

Short heads and heads abounded, and Laureat II., Fairplay and Couvert (so prominent on the far side) were among the many who must have gladdened "handicapper" Fawcett's heart.

On every side I heard: "Surely I was nearer than fourth"—or fifth, or sixth, or seventh, as the case might be.

Even Maher on the seventh, Fairplay, said to me: "I wasn't beaten a length." A dramatic Cambridgeshire to watch in a dismal, blurry October light.

I will not say too much about the class. Daytona would have richly deserved the spoils with 9st. 11lb. Joint top weight Dan Bulger had eased a bit to 17—2 owing to mistaken Esquemeling and Nadushka booms and the steady support for the winner and Daytona.

I'm sure the draw played a very vital part in the result. Apart from the fact of having the final climb made easier near the stands, horses bunching a bit there had the spur of competition.

Not so Daytona and Laureat II. among others. Mr. Benson did not also run Moody, and Simpson rode Laureat II.

It was pointed out to me that the grey hated racing with the broad course staring at him, but wants to be tucked in for a final run. Circumstances prevented that.

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BEARY'S VIEW

DAYTONA'S position was worse, for he had nothing to show him the way; he had even to lead Laureat II. a length. "I rode him just as I wanted to and think I very nearly won, though he may never have actually got in front of Artist's Prince when he came away so beautifully, but just began to feel the weight with nothing beside him to help him near the post." Beary explained to me.

I am not "thinking of my money" when I write Daytona would probably have won from the winner's pitch. He was certainly foaled under an unlucky star—not even benefiting so many each-way punters now.

Dan Bulger, on the other hand, lacked altogether his 1936 freedom at the right place. Harry Wragg (who never got a feel from Thankerton) confirmed how well "on the bit" the favourite seemed to be going for three furlongs, but Weston knew the hard ground was too much.

"He changed his legs several times, and it was finished then." Tommy emphasised.

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KANT II. was actually last, but Nadushka also dropped right back. She might be more a Manchester November type. I believe there was a reason why connections were not so confident as the public who "seized upon her."

Lynch told Fred Pratt that Esquemeling had gone before half-way. Oh! this baked ground.

"As you feared, Allegiance only ran really well for seven furlongs or so," Chubb Leach told me.

"I did not think I'd ever get the unruly Never Surprised off at all, for he delayed the start, but got off well eventually, and I'm sure the riders will confirm it was a fine start," Captain Allison had made clear to me.

We could not distinguish what was happening in the distant gloom, and had also to confirm later the prominence of Nadushka, Celestial Way, Red Squaw, Couvert and Co.—but it was obvious that those nearer the stands were more in the picture.

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I HOPE to see the "come back" of the young flying machine Mirza II. against Unbreakable, Scottish Union and Onslaught in the Middle Park Stakes.

Although it is six furlongs again, Smirke will very rightly not restrain Mirza II. this time, and I am also sure he was not generally "happy with himself" when Portmarnock—from the Unbreakable stable—beat him in the Champagne.

HOW THEY FINISHED

ARTIST'S PRINCE (13—1) (A. Richardson)	1
RED SQUAW (25—1) (J. Power)	2
INCHKEITH (25—1) (W. Nevett)	3
ZAIMIS (66—1) ... (W. Howard)	4

Neck; head. 26 ran. Time, 1min. 51secs.

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NEWMARKET
3.45.—LADY MADERTY g.
Double:
Mirza II. and Lady Maderty g.
October 14, 1937 THE SCOUT

NEWMARKET

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	1.45. 1m.	2.15. 1m. 6f.	2.45. 6f.	3.15. 6f.	3.45. 1m.	4.15. 6f.
THE SCOUT	Pricket (lf ab Montesano)	Flares	Mirza II. (n.b.)	Ipsden (lf ab Forny)	Lady Maderty g. (nap) (lf ab Judy O'Grady)	Ann of Austria
WHAT THE BOOK SAYS	Canteener	Flares	—	Veuve Clicquot (nap)	—	—
TATTENHAM (S. Express)	La Courcelle	Boyd-Rochfort's sel.	Mirza II.	Boyd-Rochfort's sel.	Carlos (nap) (lf ab Lady Maderty g)	Ann of Austria (lf ab Honorarium)

THE SCOUT'S TOTE DOUBLE.—Mirza II. and Lady Maderty g. (ab. Judy O'Grady).

Probables And Jockeys

Stewards: The Stewards of the Jockey Club.

TOTE DOUBLE: 2.45 and 3.45.

1.45—HEATH PLATE (H'cap). £300. One mile.

100 Bonspiel (Lord Rosebery), J Jarvis, 4, 9 ..... E Smith
002 Montesano (Major J S Courtauld), B Jarvis, 4, 8 9 ..... Lowrey
301 Pricket (Mr G Lambton), Lambton, 9, 8 3 ..... Weston
321 Manoeuvre (Mr J A de Rothschild), F Pratt, 7, 8 1 ..... Bezant
210 La Courcelle (Mrs H Leader), H Leader, 5, 7 13 ..... Lacey
311 Canteener (Mr J. A Dundell), Cundell, 7, 7 10 ..... D Smith
400 Scale (Lord Derby), C Leader, 5, 7 1 ..... Griggs
400 Poleite (Mr G E Edwards), Digby, 5 7 1 ..... Edwards

Following is Also Engaged:— yrs st lb
000 Night Patrol II (Mr L L Lawrence), F Hartigan 5 8 6

Betting Forecast.—9—4 Montesano, 7—2 La Courcelle, 6 Pricket, Canteener, 8 Manoeuvre, 10 Bonspiel, 100—8 others.

1936: Detention (Donoghue, 3, 8 3). 100—8. B Jarvis.

2.15—LOWTHER STAKES. £1,000 added. One mile six furlongs.

112 Flares (Mr Wm Woodward), Boyd-Rochfort, 4, 9 5 ... F Beasley
200 Mansur (Mr A K Macomber), Beatty, 5, 9 1 ..... Carslake
024 Maranta (Sir Abe Bailey), Lawson, 3, 7 3 ..... Weston
334 Dharampur (H.H. Aga Khan), Pk Butters, 3 7 3 ..... B Smith

Following Are Also Engaged:— yrs st lb
130 St Magnus (Lord Derby), C Leader 4 9 1
401 Berkleigh (Lord Glanely), Hogg 5 9 1
324 Monument (Duke of Marlborough), Boyd-Rochfort ... 4 9 1
114 Haulfryn (Mr P C Minoprio), R Metcalfe 4 9 1
100 Bonspiel (Lord Rosebery), J Jarvis 4 9 1
345 Suzerain (Mr A de Rothschild), T E Leader 4 9 1
104 Penny Royal (Mr E T Thornton Smith), Templeman ... 4 9 1
500 Coup de Roi (Sir P Loraine), R Dawson 5 8 10
200 Fairhead (His Majesty), W Jarvis 5 8 7
030 Cash Book (Lord Astor), Lawson 5 8 7
004 Snowfall (Lord Derby), C Leader 5 8 3
123 Fair Copy (Lord Derby), C Leader 5 8 3
006 Sunbather (Sir V Sassoon), Lawton 3 8 3
101 Hurry de Savele (Capt D S K Forgan), Houghton 3 7 13
Black Fell (Lord Derby), Dale 5 7 12
121 Startled (Mrs R D Shafto), H Leader 3 7 7
211 Captain Hook (Mr R F Watson), M Hartigan 3 7 7
0 Colonsay (Lord Derby), C Leader 3 7 3

Maranta is a doubtful runner.

Betting Forecast.—Evens Maranta, 9—4 Flares, 8 Mansur, 10 Dharampur.

1936: His Grace (Weston, 3, 7 8). 6—4 (fav). R Dawson.

2.45—MIDDLE PARK STAKES (2-Y.O.), £1,000 added. Six furlongs.

1 Ramtapa (Sir Abe Bailey), Lawson, 9 0 ..... ——
120 Caerloptile (Sir Abe Bailey), Cottrill, 9 0 ..... Weston
300 Buclouche c (Mr F Dennis), Digby, 9 0 ..... Rickaby
22 Onslaught (Lord Derby), C Leader, 9 0 ..... Perryman
112 Mirza II. (H.H. Aga Khan), Pk Butters, 9 0 ..... Smirke
21 Scottish Union (Mr James V Rank), N Cannon, 9 0 Gdn Richards
300 Seventh Wonder (Mrs J Shand), G Armstrong, 9 0 ..... ——
111 Unbreakable (Mr J B Walker), Boyd-Rochfort, 9 0 F Beasley

Scottish Union is a doubtful runner.

Betting Forecast.—Evens Ramtapa, 6—4 Mirza II. 4 Unbreakable, 8 Onslaught, 10 Caerloptile, 100—6 others.

1936: Fair Copy (Perryman, 9st), 13—8. C Leader.

3.15—CHALLENGE STAKES, £500 added. Six furlongs.

130 Veuve Clicquot (Sir J Jarvis), J Jarvis, 4, 9 9 ..... E Smith
041 Ipsden (Lady Ludlow), O Bell, 4, 9 9 ..... S Wragg
Limac (Mr R Lazard), Persse, 4, 9 4 ..... Carslake
400 Tiera Gari (Duchess of Norfolk), Gilpin, 3, 9 ..... ——
202 Foray (Mr M Field), Boyd-Rochfort, 3, 8 13 ..... P Beasley
040 Ethiopia (Mr James Schwob), P Hartigan, 3, 8 10 Gdn Richards

Following Are Also Engaged:— yrs st lb
100 Midstream (Mr A de Rothschild), T E Leader 4 10 5
003 Over Coat (Mr C T Applewhaite), Bisgood 6 10 5
404 Windham (Miss D Paget), Snow 4 9 4
00 Ambrose Light (Mrs P A B Wildenerg), B Rochfort 4 9 4
100 Maimsey (Mr R C Dawson), R Dawson 3 8 10
301 Bright Beam (Mr J A Dewar), F Darling 3 8 10
010 Swiss Cottage (Miss D Paget), Snow 3 8 10
000 Glevinezra (Mr J A de Rothschild), F Pratt 4 8 9
014 Watersmeet (Lord Glanely), Siedall 3 8 7
430 Grandjo (Mr J P Hornungi, B Jarvis 3 8 7
045 Potbolier (Lord Astor), Lawson 3 8 0

Betting Forecast.—2 Ipsden, 11—4 Veuve Clicquot, 11—2 Foray, 8 Limac, 10 Tiera Gari, 100—8 Ethiopia.

1936: Solerina (R A Jones, 4, 9 9). 3—1. Cottrill.

3.45—SUFFOLK NURSERY STAKES, £500 added. Five furlongs.

030 Carlos (Mr Persse), Persse, 9 6 ..... ——
310 Berwick (Lt-Col. G. Loder), Gilpin, 9 5 ..... R A Jones
031 Ghar Ullin (10lb ex) (Mr W Hudson), Hammett, 8 2 ... J Taylor
010 John Buchan (Mrs L Corbett), O Bell, 9 ..... H Wragg
001 Delphi (Sir A Butt), Pk Butters, 8 13 ..... Perryman
040 Dark Tolly (Sir A Bailey), R Day, 8 12 ..... Weston
004 Sweet Corn (Sir G Bullough), J Jarvis, 8 10 ..... E Smith
122 Lady Maderty g (Miss D Paget), Pk Butters, 8 9 ..... Smirke
320 Entertainer II (Mr J E Widener), B Rochfort, 8 8 ..... P Beasley
403 Heridge (Mr G W Handel), Beasty, 8 8 ..... Herbert
311 Orthiane (Major Gerald Ellis), D Waugh, 8 7 ..... Blackshaw
100 Welltaken (Mr H Blundell), Whitaker, 8 5 ..... Beary
322 Golden Ramsey (Mr V Hobbs), V Hobbs, 8 5 ..... Vergette
231 Dusky (Mr H L Cottrill), Cottrill, 8 3 ..... ——
221 Honeybun (Mr J S Austen), C Waugh, 8 2 ..... Rickaby
212 Love Dancer (Mrs H Eastwood), Laye, 8 ..... C Richards
303 Judy O'Grady (Lord Rendlesham), W Nightingall, 7 13 ..... ——
300 Game Cart (Mrs D Browne), Lawson, 7 11 ..... Gdn Richards
200 Bay Dragon (Major J B Walker), Jelliss, 7 9 ..... D Smith

Following Are Also Engaged:— st lb
121 Tamasha (10lb ex) (Lady Cunliffe-Owen), O Bell 9 11
122 Faroe (Lord Derby), C Leader 9 7
311 Tumult c (10lb ex) (Mr N J Sweeney), O Bell 9 7
020 Evening Mist (Mrs C Riehl), W Nightingall 9 12

Betting Forecast.—4 Sweet Corn, 11—2 Lady Maderty g, 6 Judy O'Grady, 8 Game Cart, John Buchan, 10 Delphi, Griflame, 100—8 Entertainer II, Dusky, Love Dancer, 100—6 others.

1936: Hesperus (S Wragg, 9 7). 100—9. O Bell.

4.15—BRETBY STAKES (2-Y.O. fillies). £100 each. Six furlongs.

232 Honorarium (Mr J A Dewar), P Darling, 9 ..... Gdn Richards
Ornamental (Mr Bisgood), Bisgood, 9 ..... ——
211 Ann of Austria (H.H. Aga Khan), Pk Butters, 9 ..... Smirke

Following Are Also Engaged:— st lb
000 Flighty Jinks (Sir A Bailey), Lawson 9 0
Flight of Fancy (Sir A Bailey), Lambton 9 0
000 Liberty Loan (Sir P Eley), Templeman 9 0
0 Wayleave (Lord Harewood), W Jarvis 9 0
000 The Siren (Lord Harewood), Esse 9 0
00 Dial (Lord Hirst), Templeman 9 0
0 Wild Orchid (Sir J B Joel), T Peck 9 0
301 La-Li (H.H. Aga Khan), Pk Butters 9 0
000 Madrina (Mrs Macdonald-Buchanan), F Darling 9 0
000 Glendessary (Mrs Macdonald-Buchanan), F Darling 9 0
123 Radiant (Miss D Paget), Pk Butters 9 0
Crumb (Miss D Paget), W Nightingall 9 0
000 Nikitina (Mr A de Rothschild), T E Leader 9 0
Sparkle (Mr A de Rothschild), T E Leader 9 0
0 Raya (Sir V Sassoon), Lawson 9 0
Joyce W (Sir V Sassoon), Lawson 9 0

Betting Forecast.—4—9 Ann of Austria, 5—2 Honorarium, 20 Ornamental.

1936: Tip the Wink (H Wragg, 9st), 7—2. Gilpin.

Jottings From The Course

By OUR COURSE CORRESPONDENT

NEWMARKET, Wednesday.

BONSPIEL is reckoned to be back to his early season form. If so he should at least get placed in the Heath Plate tomorrow.

Montesano, on the other hand, began the season none too well, but has been gradually improving, his most recent effort being runner-up to Allegiance on the Rowley Mile in September.

The old stagers, Pricket (fresh from "schoolmastering" Celestial Way) and Canteener, who at seven years of age is running better than ever, will make the contest keen, but I take Montesano to win.

I understand Ramtapa is under orders for the Middle Park Stakes, and if he is saddled I shall not look elsewhere for the winner. In his possible absence I look to Mirza II. to prove that his Champagne Stakes running was all wrong. Probably different riding tactics will be adopted this trip.

Selections.—1.45, Montesano; 2.15, Maranta (if ab Flares); 2.45, * Ramtapa (if ab * Mirza II.); 3.15, Ipsden; 3.45, Dusky; 4.15, Ann of Austria.

TRAINING HINTS

NEWMARKET.—The Middle Park Stakes is the chief attraction tomorrow, wires the Daily Express resident correspondent, and as Mirza II. and Unbreakable will be carrying the confidence of their respective connections we are promised an exciting race.

Onslaught has pleased in his latest gallops, and is expected to be concerned in the finish, but I think the issue rests between the first-named pair, and I hope to see Unbreakable outstay the Aga Khan's flier and win. The Lowther Stakes can, I think, be left to Flares, and I hope to see Foray complete a treble for Boyd-Rochfort's stable by winning the Challenge Stakes.

Frank Butters's selected, in all probability Ann of Austria, should have an easy task in the Bretby Stakes.

Selections:—1.45, Bonspiel; 2.15, Flares (nap); 2.45, Unbreakable; 3.15, Foray; 3.45, Taroe (if ab Sweet Corn); 4.15, Ann of Austria.

Double: Flares and Unbreakable.

Reports from Daily Express correspondents at provincial centres are summarised below:—

1.45.—Canteener (Chilton) was never better: should win.

2.15.—Maranta (Manton) good.

2.45.—Ramtapa (Manton) well fancied. Caerloptile (Lambourn) fancied. Scottish Union (Druid's Lodge) go close.

3.15.—Ipsden (Lambourn) strongly fancied.

3.45.—John Buchan (Lambourn) fancied. Golden Ramsay (Upper Lambourn) each way. Judy O'Grady (Epsom) fancied.

4.15. — Honorarium (Beckhampton) fancied

What The Book Says

VEUVE CLICQUOT was favourite for the Challenge Stakes twelve months ago and finished third of five. In the corresponding race today (3.15) she meets Foray on 7lbs. better terms than when she beat him over six furlongs at Goodwood in July.

CESAREWITCH CALL-OVER

The card on the Cesarewitch will be called over at the Victoria Club at 7.15 tonight.

Marconi Is Sold For 330 Guineas

MARCONI, who won races for three monarchs, King George V., King Edward VIII., and King George VI., was sold at Newmarket yesterday for 330 guineas.

Major Barrett, who trained him for all his races under National Hunt Rules, was the buyer

Horses For Courses

NEWMARKET (Rowley Mile Course).—Right hand for races beyond 1¼m., then straight to W.P. The Abingdon Mile, Ditch Mile and T.Y.C. are part of the 1¼m. Across the Flat with winning posts at varying points short of the Rowley Mile W.P. High numbers best for races of 1½m. and over, otherwise low numbers.

1.45.—Bonspiel (April 1937, 1½m), 8 4, E Smith; Canteener (May 1937, 1m), 8 11, J Sirett; La Courcelle (Oct. 1935, 1m), 7 2, R Pratt; Pricket (Oct. 1933, 1m), 9 9, T Weston (April 1930, 5f), 8 7, T Weston.

2.15.—Bonspiel (April 1937, 1¼m), 8 4, E Smith; Berkleigh (Oct. 1935, 1¾m), 8 10, C Elliott (April 1935, 1m), 8 5, Gdn Richards; Cash Book (May 1937, 1½m), 8, Gdn Richards; Fair Copy (Oct 1936, 6f), 9, R Perryman; Flares (May 1937, 1¼m), 9 2, P Beasley; May 1936, 1¼m), 9, P Beasley; Haulfryn (May 1935, 1¼m), 8 1, Gdn Richards; Monument (April 1936, 1m), 8 5, P Beasley; Snowfall (April 1937, 1m), 8 6, R Perryman; Suzerain (Oct 1936, 1¾m), 8 10, R Perryman.

2.45.—Mirza II. (May 1937, 5f), 8 9, C Smirke.

3.15.—Bright Beam (Sept 1937, 7f), 8 13, Gdn Richards; Foray (Sept 1936, 5f), 9, P Beasley; Grandjo (Oct 1935, 5f), 8 12, T Lowrey; Ipsden (April 1936, 5f), 8 9, T Lowrey; Ipsden (Sept 1937, 6f), 9 7, S Wragg; Midstream (May 1937, 1m), 8 12, R Perryman (Oct 1935, 6f), 9, R Perryman (Oct 1935, 5f), 9 5, R Perryman; Over Coat (April 1937, 6f), 8 9, M Beary; Swiss Cottage (Oct 1936, 5f), 8 13, B Carslake; Veuve Clicquot (Oct 1936, 5f), 9 5, E Smith.

3.45.—Dark Tolly (April 1937, 5f), 8 9, T Weston; Heridge (April 1937, 5f), 8 5, F Herbert; Tamasha (May 1937, 5f), 9 2, H Wragg (April 1937, 5f), 8 6, H Wragg.

4.15.—Ann of Austria (Sept 1937, 5f), 9 4, C Smirke.

Miss Harvey Is Caught In Own Trap And Loses

By ULYSS ROGERS

MISS E. HARVEY, ex-British Wightman Cup player, and fine sportswoman, prepared a surprise, quite legitimately, for her opponent at Queen's Club yesterday in the covered court championships. She could never have imagined that it would work as it did.

Miss E. Harvey had to play that rising young ex-junior champion, Miss Valerie Scott.

Miss Scott is an impetuous fighter. Likes to get to the net as soon as possible.

Miss Harvey, before play began, demanded a foot-fault judge. Miss Scott was not going to get away with any foot-faulting advantage. Any sign of this would be scotched by the foot-fault judge.

And then it so happened, when only a few games had been played, that this foot-fault judge foot-faulted not Miss Scott, but Miss Harvey.

Miss Harvey was taken by surprise. It was for the enemy that the foot-fault judge had been requisitioned. Nobody ever thought that Miss Harvey would commit such a fault. She was nonplussed. The game had lost its favour for her. She never appeared to bother more. Miss Scott won just as she liked, 6—1, 6—0, and she left the court with the feeling that foot-fault judges are a fine entertainment after all.

This was the first entertainment of the day. There were others.

HIS BUSY DAY

One-forty p.m. and Bunny Austin due back from Guernsey to play two matches. But no Austin. Was the air-liner down? Telephone calls everywhere. But no. Bunny was lost.

At length, an hour later, he turned up in a taxi with two large portmanteaux, a bag of golf clubs, and a couple of books. And these had been his doings for the day:—

Astir 6.30; boat Guernsey to Jersey, arrived 9.30; airplane to Southampton, arriving twenty minutes too late to catch train to London; train to Waterloo; taxi to Queen's.

And two matches to follow. He soon disposed of P. M. Davis, 6—2, 6—2, 6—1. And at lighting-up time H. Billingdon, his second opponent.

Then Jean Borotra v. Derek Cook (Sussex) provided a mild sensation. Cook won right away, took the first set 6—2. He led in the second set, but was overhauled, to go down 2—6. The third was a great battle, in which the French player only just scrambled home 7—5. Then Jean charged up to the net good and often and Cook's resistance was broken, 6—1.

"He plays very well," was Borotra's appreciation of Cook to me afterwards.

M. E de St. Alary, Two Thousand Guineas winner, Le Ksar, who was unsuccessful in the Cambridgeshire yesterday, is to remain in England, and will be trained by W R Jarvis at Egerton, Newmarket.

Bubbling Brook, a two-year-old filly by Orwell—Ready Response, has gone to the stud. She has won three races.

LAWN TENNIS RESULTS

COVERED COURT CHAMPIONSHIPS.

At Queen's Club, London.

Men's Singles.—Second round: H W Austin bt P M Davis, 6—2, 6—1. Third round: H Schroder (Sweden) (holder) bt J P G Lysaght, 6—3, 6—2, 6—8; F G Wilde bt R J Ritchie (6—3, 6—4, 9—1); W C Grey (Chilton) bt J C Warboys, 6—1, 6—2); D W Butler bt J S Olliff (8—1, 1—3, 6—2, 1st); Austin bt H Billington (6—8, 8—1, 6—1, 6—3); J Borotra (France) bt D J Cook (2—6, 6—4, 7—5, 6—1).

Women's Singles.—Second round: Mrs M R Kipp bt Miss R Thomas (6—2, 7—1); Fr L Rost (Germany) bt Miss P O'Connell (7—5, 6—1); Miss J Cox bt Miss J Morley (3—6, 6—4, 6—2); Miss J Goldschmidt (Austria) bt Miss P Reade (Ireland) (6—1, 6—3); Miss J Saunders bt Miss V K Kipp (6—4, 6—0); Miss V E Scott bt Miss E M Harvey (6—1, 6—0); Miss M C Scriven bt Miss J B Pittman (6—3, 9—7).

Clive Graham's Gossip

STAFARALLA SLAMS HER OPPONENTS

NEWMARKET, Wednesday.

WHATEVER his chances in next year's colt classics, Frank Butters must be looking forward hopefully to the 1938 One Thousand Guineas and Oaks.

In Ann of Austria, Radiant, and Stafaralla he trains the three best two-year-old fillies in the country.

Stafaralla slammed the opposition in the Cheveley Park Stakes. This own sister to Sind cannot be far behind the best of her age.

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She opened up a gap as soon as Harry Wragg called on her this afternoon.

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Racing can be a disheartening game. I had a very big fancy for Laureat II. in the Cambridgeshire. At the foot of the hill he looked like taking hold and winning comfortably. My shout died in my throat. He ran on gamely, and was not a length off the winner, although unplaced.

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Visions of pulling off the autumn double faded. Locked in my drawer at home are vouchers now worth less than the paper they were written on. Laureat II. comes up for sale at the next meeting. I ought to buy him.

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JOHNNY DINES was congratulated on every hand. The little man was full of confidence right up to the last moment. A fellow trainer greeted him before the race. "Hello," said Johnny. "Shake hands with me. You won't have much of a chance afterwards!"

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Daytona was not officially placed in the first four. To any of us who watched the race that seemed almost incredible. I am not in any way disputing Mr. Hancock's judgment, but it would be more satisfactory for all concerned if photos could be taken of such close finishes.

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Chubb Leach drew Allegiance in his club sweep. Another odd item was that he bet the owner £1 that the horse would draw a higher number than 10. "I'll stand on him being less than 10," said Mr. Frieze. Allegiance was drawn No. 10 precisely. These trivial things are apt to heighten confidence. The horse failed to stay

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Tommy Weston was full of confidence before the race. He finished (plus cap) in the ruck, and there was not the same jauntiness in his step as he returned to the weighing-room. Dan Bulger was one of the first horses in trouble.

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Midge Richardson was unexpectedly subdued after it was all over. Reaction probably. "The luck had to turn sooner or later," he smiled at me. What a way to end a losing run!

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PUNCH was on view in the Visitors' Handicap. He ran about as well as expected. Victory went to Mixed Foursome. Bertie Holland had had quite a fancy for Pylon II.'s Cambridgeshire chance. Mixed Foursome compensated at handsome odds.

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I am assured that Onslaught is much fancied to beat Mirza II. and Unbreakable for tomorrow's Middle Park Stakes. I will stand on that. I fancy Flares (2.15), but the best bet of the afternoon should be John Buchan (each way) (3.45). He had been stopped in his work before running well here at the last meeting.

How Favourites Fare

The following table shows the result of backing favourites and second favourites on a level stake of £1, the best races for favourites, and the most successful jockeys and trainers at the last eight meetings corresponding to today's fixture at Newmarket.

Favourites.—Aggregate loss £7 12s 10d.

Second Favourites.— Aggregate loss £10 0s 10d.

Best Races for Favourites.—2.15, 5 winners; 3.15, 5 winners.

Winning Jockeys.—G Richards 11, T Weston 6.

Winning Trainers.—F Darling 7, J Jarvis 4, Boyd-Rochfort 4, Lawson 4.

SERVICES PARI-MUTUEL

(5s. unit—stake not included.)

NEWMARKET

1.50.—Pavanne win 53-10, place 13-10; Cendrillon place 65-10, Old Serpent place 11-10.

2.0.—Captain Hook win 11-10, place 5-10; Asterion win 18-10 place 11-10.

2.50.—Stafaralla win 6-10, place 1-10; Dulce I place 12-10, Frolic Wind place 16-10.

3.15.—Artist's Prince win 111-10, place 33-10; Red Squaw place 52-10, Inchkeith place 64-10.

Ante-Post Pools.—1st: 481-10, 92-10, 130-10, 86-10. 2nd: 209-10, 44-10, 72-10, 214-10. 3rd: 208-10, 42-10, 96-10, 118-10. 4th: 254-10, 49-10, 115-10, 124-10. 5th: 415-10, 91-10, 141-10, 212-10 6th: 101-10, 29-10, 67-10, 93-10.

Special Place Pool.—21-10, 64-10, 35-10, 152-10.

5.50.—Arenmoun win 85-10, place 22-10; Gentle Friar place 51-10. Actually place 64-10.

4.20.—Mixed Foursome win 150-10, place 19-10; Rodeo II place 6-10, Incendiaire place 8-10.

Greyhounds To Test Brighton Tigers

BRIGHTON TIGERS and Harringay Greyhounds meet tonight at Brighton in a London Ice Hockey Cup game. A team from the Rest of the League play an exhibition game at Wembley with the National League champions, Wembley Lions. Line-ups:—

Brighton Tigers: A Bordeleau; J Hamilton, D Grant, S Wright, M Claustonz; G Peirier, D Gibson, A Rogers, O Aubuchon, J Doyle, T Forgie, J Kelly.

Harringay Greyhounds: J Foster; H McAndrews, R Adolf, A Jones; D Cheyne, J Shack, J Brunning, J Keating, D Campbell, W Arnott, J Heffernan.

Wembley Lions: R Musgrove; G Sherah, R Keane, C Rost; T Lemay, A Lemay, A Archer, E Murphy, F Cadorette, A Welsh.

Rest of the League: M Gerth (Streatham); P Gardner (Streatham); W Moran (Streatham); R Forlie (Wembley Monarchs); W Monson, E Nicholson, B Peer (all Harringay Racers), R Lee, A Forest, C Maundrell (all Earl's Court Rangers).

Untried Puppy May Beat Bealtaine

By J. S. BRADFORD

ONE of the features of this new fast-closing season has been the steady increase in attendances at London's youngest track, Stamford Bridge.

They are more than a third up on last year, and I am not breaking a secret in suggesting that this track, which two years ago was losing money, is now making handsome profits.

Racing at "The Bridge" has been consistently good this year. Congratulations go to young Michael Moore-Brabazon, who is the racing manager there. But then the racing was very good last year.

Stamford Bridge, of course, is fortunate in that, for most of the year, the bold matinée meetings without any neighbouring rival to interfere with them.

My own view of the cause for the rapidly growing popularity of the Chelsea track is their one "open race" a week.

It is run normally on a Thursday, to-day's is almost an epic: more about this shortly.

These open events, though, have been varied in their appeal. They have always been top-class, and have provided spectacular finishes. They have resulted in the success, not of an odds-on favourite, but of a good or a great dog, whose chance, for some insane reason, had been ignored by most of us.

Gambler's Rebuke and Craigie Meig are two recent cases in which good dogs overhauled better-backed rivals and won by sheer merit.

IMPRESSED IN TRIAL

GRADED races are, of course, the backbone of all dog-racing, but when you get strangers saying "We must go to Stamford Bridge for The open event to-day"—well, they go, cease to be strangers and ultimately bring more strangers with them.

Today's open race is a case in point.

Let me begin by saying that I have taken Bealtaine to win it. It only he would show his real form he would be the best bet of the autumn. Maybe he won't. Possibly, too, a young, unraced puppy, Rosside Creamery, will beat him, may, indeed, ultimately prove to be one of the greatest dogs of the day.

At least, when winning a trial from the other day in 28.01 seconds "Creamery," who only left Ireland three weeks ago, did what only three other dogs have ever done before—equalled or beaten the track record set up by his sire, Creamery Border, in the Chelsea Cup two years ago.

I have not seen this young dog in trials but reports say that he is another Mick Ataxy and Shore-Halfpenny combined.

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BRILLIANT FIELD

HERE is an attraction at any rate and when you complete the field with Miss Potter's much-whispered newcomer from Ireland, Moynsha Fort, Gamblers Rebuke (who all but equalled Walsh Batik's National record over 525 yards the other day), Beckbury Miracle, and Coming Hawk, you get a race which rates the widest appeal.

As I have said before, Bealtaine, if he does his best, should win. But I am still wondering what is "the best" that Rosside Creamery is capable of doing.

A young newcomer from Norwich, where he has won a bundle of races, turns out for the first time at the White City to-night.

His name is Expansion Loop, and he is Mick the Miller's his father. He will expand his total of wins before long I fancy. Tonight, though Buckworth Sandringham looks the better proposition.

TODAY'S SELECTIONS

WHITE CITY.—9.0 Buckworth Sandringham (mat). 5.18. Rosecarty. 9.35. Pride. 8.54. Bel Hose. 9.12. Canal Turn. 9.30. Sunset Leader. 9.48. Genial Features. 10.5. Bright Boy.

STAMFORD BRIDGE.—3.15. Cill. 3.45. Drinsyre's Fun. 5.51. Future Favourite. 4.5. Walrond Wizard. 4.27. Bealtaine (nap). 4.45. Crafty Horner. 5.3. Butler. 5.21. Irish Cove.

CATFORD.—8.15. Jock's Bargain. Jockey's Weight. 8.47. Charlie's Joy. 9.0. Miss Mutt Hill. 9.19. Rose Recruit. 9.36. Sandy Pride. 9.53. Ask Heppell's (nap). 10.11. Wise King.

CLAPTON.—8.0. Murdoch Rhoda (nap). 8.17. Golden Measure. 8.34. Hayseed. 8.52. Billing Sier. 9.10. Wotta Duke. 9.27. Sammy's Double. 9.46. Fairly Tall. 10.4. Desatir.

WEEK-END RUGBY TEAMS

Rugby teams for Saturday are:—

Upper Clapton (v United Services, Portsmouth): S. Epping.—H G Saunders; S B Barnes, R Jackson, K S Adey, A N Reid, R E Goodman; L J Terrett, F P K Lott; R W Grantham, R C Marshall, A P Roxborough, R W Cockwood, S Douglas, W P Wey, C R Miller, R H Jermyn.

Old Whitgiftians (v Old Mid-Whitgiftians at South Croydon).—J M Howard; J L Bennett, H H Dubois, H W Sear, J N Adams; F S Weston, H M Howard; F H G Perry, P D Mace, M W Stevens, E T Mold, G P Pullinger, D Gregory, K G Taylor, T P Poole.

Leicester (v Bedfordshire).—R Cortless; C H Chamberlain, C J Ash