

# Mirza II. Finishes In Slow Motion

By THE SCOUT (Cyril Luckman)

NEWMARKET, Thursday.

**T**is a pity the light here today was not so good as yesterday—though many backers think now that they saw a bit too much of Mirza II, Unbreakable, Maranta, and others. It has been a Newmarket of shocks.

Mirza II, stopped to a walk, and Scottish Union made up more than six lengths to head a very obvious non-stayer in a sensational Middle Park Stakes!

It required the final hill of the Breby Stakes course fully to demonstrate that "Mirzy"—still a world beater at five—does not get the sixth furlong.

Khan Bahadur will have to be the stronger classic hope now. I expect he would have run it if he had gone as well of late. He may also miss tomorrow's engagement.

When I heard today that there had been some heel trouble recently in the case of Unbreakable, I did think Mirza II was a good bet. You could get 6-4 before he ousted Boyd-Richardson's colt for favouritism and came down to evens.

**I**MAGINE how those who did not fully realise the stamna "if" felt when they watched Mirza II race from the gate with his old rapidity and soon go lengths ahead of Unbreakable.

And even a furlong from home he must have been about six lengths ahead still and 100-1 on.

Unbreakable was not progressing too well, and Gordon had the winner on the far side. He switched round, however,

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ever, rapidly to come on Smirke's "blind" side.

I disagree entirely with the view of some that Smirke didn't fully realise that anything was a danger when his mount began to slow down. It was like a rapid "flick" suddenly turned into a slow-motion picture.

The man on top sat still and suffered and just hoped for the best. But it was the worst when Richards just got there on Mr. James Rank's 10-1 chance—who was a very doubtful runner last night owing to the hard ground.

Mr. Rank paid 3,000 guineas for his winner, and bought the Sledmore-bred half-sister of Doncaster, which the owner and his wife were not present.

Mrs. Rank having gone home last night because there was this doubt! Mirza II's owner, the Aga Khan, is in Berlin.

**W**E saw the Cambridgeshire favourite, Dan Bulger, down the course, and Sir Abe Bailey also watched from his car his Cesarewitch candidate Maranta fail to beat the older Plates at a tremendous difference of 30 lbs. over a mile and three-quarters in the Lowther Stakes.

And Omaha's bold brother (who will remain in training) won by a length with a nice bit in hand after he had caught Maranta straight from home.

Sir George was walked with this time and had benefited from 2½ days' gallop, for he finished well only three-quarters of a length behind Maranta.

It confused the form, but that is typical of three-year-olds this season. Maranta had beaten Soflo in the St. Leger and Soflo beat Plares at 15 lbs.

## TRAINING HINTS

**N**EWMARKET.—Kindergarten and fancy Kindergarten for the Catterick Plate and Old Stakes. He has done well since Newbury.

Travelling Flash and Red Lamp are strong-backed and their respective races at Catterick should provide us with a winning double.

**S**ELECTIONS.—Newmarket: 1.45, Hedditch Bridge; 2.0, Travelling Flash (Inap); 2.30, Red Lamp; 3.30, Nejma (each way). 4.30, On File.

Double: Travelling Flash and Red Lamp.

Race for the Durham resident correspondents at provincial centres are summarised below.

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1.45—White (Merton) fancied. 2.15—All Joy (Foy) so clear. Car-

ton (Epsom) fancied. Portray (Malton) fancied. 2.45—Knighthed (Lambourn) fancied. Waternet (Lewes) fancied each way. Lynelock (Sparseshot) well worth supporting. 3.00—Tatton (Bolton) fancied. Smirke Lightning (Michel) close-fancied. 4.15—Thamar (Marlborough) strongly fancied. Unbreakable (Lambourn) fancied. Rusty (Athen) good each way.

**C**ATTERICK.

3.0—Dundreher (Richmond) worth support. Sprawy (Middleton) well fancied. 3.30—Broad Highway (Dencaster) fancied. 4.0—Pinfire (Milton) so close.

4.30—Fury (Middlcham) and Red Lamp (Malton) fancied.

5.0—Conway (Malton) so close. 5.30—Fancy (Merton) and Red Lamp (Malton) fancied. 6.0—Tatton (Bolton) fancied.

6.30—Tattler (Lewes) so close.

7.0—Carron Girl (Drake) and Soflo (Merton) fancied. 7.30—Danvers (Foy) and Soflo (Merton) fancied. 8.0—Red Lamp (Malton) fancied.

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9.30—Katherina (Boyd) so close. 10.0—All Joy (Foy) so clear. Car-

ton (Epsom) fancied. Portray (Malton) fancied. 10.30—Red Lamp (Malton) so close.

11.0—White (Merton) fancied. 11.30—All Joy (Foy) so clear. Car-

ton (Epsom) fancied. 12.0—Red Lamp (Malton) so close.

12.30—Tatton (Bolton) so close. 13.0—Red Lamp (Malton) so close.

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