Airgead Sios "Lights Up" Newbury

By THE SCOUT *(Cyril Luckman)*

NEWBURY, Wednesday.

FLAT enthusiasts can visualise the classics when they get Free Handicap weights tomorrow.

Early winter Derby favourite Portmarnock and Scottish Union must be near the top, for the distance is seven furlongs, which will naturally reduce Mr. Fawcett's estimate of the flying Mirza II.

His stable companion Stafaralla, must be bang up as possibly the leading filly.

As Jockey Club handicapper has instructions—for races below a certain value—not to handicap any horse who has not won on three occasions over here, we will not find Khan Bahadur, Golden Hair colt, Ramtapa, Onslaught, Glen Loan, Old Radnor, and other prominent performers in the weights of this lot.

Future of Khan Bahadur seems more certain. There are training difficulties with the others and, of course, Golden Hair colt has only been able to run once.

What will the weight adjuster do with Le Ksar in his three-year-old handicap.

On balance of form Derby winner Mid-day Sun must be on top—despite the Two Thousand and Chulmleigh's St. Leger.

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THERE have been many first week accidents. Evan Williams might have—according to I. Anthony—to rest a day or two owing to ricking his neck when Samoht fell, but the worst accident in the same Kingsclere Chase here today was that of P. O'Loughlin, who fractured his jaw and pelvis and injured a leg, when prominent Niedergondershausen fell a mile from home, and the northern rider was taken to hospital.

It became rainy again and as black as night before Newbury was over, but Airgead Sios did certainly "light up" the day's jumping, and "brought the house down" once more over the three miles of the Open Chase.

He seemed to me a really good 13—8 on chance. Though Luckpenny had drawn level with him, and gallant Kellsboro' Jack (with a stone more) was still progressing three fences from home, the favourite clearly outstayed Luckpenny and turned last year's six lengths' defeat into a five lengths' victory.

Jack was eased when he gave best, and finished a bad third in front of the over-impetuous American, What Have You.

Hobbs tells me he has sobered What Have You down a good bit, but the horse was led to the post and held there until he started and dashed into the lead.

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IT is unusual for Airgead Sios to be led, and when they were racing together well ahead of the others the hard-pulling American was rather worrying, and caused the winner also to jump a bit to the right, and not take the water as well as he did other obstacles.

He left, in fact, his best jump to the very last—it was so bold that it almost surprised Tommy McNeill, the good young Irishman who has made his name since he got lucky chance mount at Cheltenham on Airgead Sios and has now won four times off the reel.

I heard one thousand to sixty for the Grand National being shouted against Royal Mail and Airgead Sios before today's race was over. I gathered later that a wager against Royal Mail was booked to win £8,000 (at 100—8).

Airgead Sios's owner is still sweet on Airgead Sios lasting out the full Aintree journey. "It is hard to place him now, but he is in Manchester's Victory Chase and I hope to run him at Kempton though Ivor Anthony tells me that Royal Mail will then take part," he told me.

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KNIGHT OF TROY'S Kingsclere Chase victory was due to the tactics and fine finish of Fawcus. Jack switched over to come up on the inside of Fillip and just overhauled the leader by a neck near the post.

Tallin was two more lengths away in front of the favourite Double Prince, who might have been placed had he not taken the last fence clumsily.

Double Prince seemed a bit fettered and could never get quite near enough. I shall certainly give him another chance—also the younger War Vessel and Victor Norman.

The bold grey made his debut over fences and jumped so well near the lead that it was disappointing to see him come down at the last jump on the far side.

Although Mr. Applin took the last hurdle very slowly, Mr. Shutler's owner-trained 20—1 chance Dark Side came away again from the hot favourite Moonlight Reveller. Say Nowt's rider Ingham had motored Wootton from Epsom—perhaps their next journey together may not be in vain.

Great Lad was leading when he fell two fences from home in the selling chase won by Ebon Knight, who just wore down Jus Premier in the run in.

Pompous, a 100—7 chance, made practically all the running in the Berks Handicap Hurdle, though Pat's Cottage looked an odds-on chance when he headed the winner between the last two flights. "Pomp" took the last hurdle better and drew away.

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SMART "rookies" on view tomorrow in Newbury Juvenile Hurdle. Domenico might have beaten Slong at Liverpool had his rider not lost his whip, but the penalised winner was routed later by Silver Lance. Best of Medoc II. and Killarney Boy was not seen last time out.

Terse strolled home at Cheltenham and Bagpipes, Poetic Licence, and Honquan are "darkies."

Golden Miller may reappear at Hurst Park. Meanwhile Cooleen may repeat last year's win in the Cranborne Handicap Chase at the expense of Sky Night, Battleship, Blue Banner II., Antipas, Tapinois and the recent winner Frankie. for Thieffry seems out of form.

Beeby took the Andover Handicap Chase last November with Delaglace—now called Rathaska. Good two miler Delapaix may now beat Novgorod, Cakewalker and Dinton Lad.

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NEWBURY
2.30—COOLEEN
Double:
Silver Lance and Cooleen
December 2, 1937. THE SCOUT.

Jottings From The Course

BY OUR COURSE CORRESPONDENT

NEWBURY, Wednesday.

I SHALL have to revise my opinion of Airgead Sios. He has gained stamina with age and no longer shall I reckon his maximum distance 2½ miles. All the same, those who laid odds on him were taking a big risk. A bookmaker of my acquaintance told me he thought 2 to 1 against was a fair price.

Dryburgh has not been out this season, but I fancy his chance in the Cranborne Chase tomorrow. I am told he has lost his occasional fractiousness, and will jump much better than he did last season. In that case he has a good opportunity of scoring here with only 10st. to carry.

If Dryburgh plans are altered, then Sky Knight, who ran a good race last Saturday at Lingfield, should win.

Barrister, in the Yatesbury Hurdle, is well fancied. He gave weight and a sound beating to Pol Ploum at Hawthorn, and it may be a pointer that Anthony will not saddle Pol Ploum tomorrow.

Selections: 1.0 *Barrister. 1.30 True Count. 2.0 Domenico. 2.30 Dryburgh (if absent Sky Knight). 3.30 Pooks Hill.

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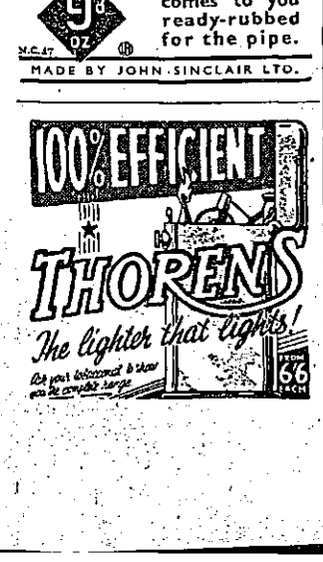

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NEWBURY

SAFETY BET. 2.30.—Cooleen.

	1.0. 2m.	1.30. 2m.	2.0. 1m. 4f.	2.30. 3m.	3.0. 2m.	3.30. 2m.
THE SCOUT	Barrister (If ab Cold Bird)	Klang (If ab True Count)	Silver Lance (n.b.) (If ab Domenico)	Cooleen (nap) (If ab Sky Knight)	Khris Kingle (If ab Remember II)	Delapaix (If ab Novgorod)
WHAT THE BOOK SAYS	Barrister	True Count (nap)	—	Tapinois	Lavengro	Tresca
TATTENHAM (S. Express)	Abbots Ferry (If ab Spasm)	Pitch Bowl (If ab True Count)	Utrecht (c.w.) (nap) (If ab Domenico)	Delachance (If ab Didoric)	Khris Kingle (If ab Looks Likely)	Beeby's sel.

THE SCOUT'S TOTE DOUBLE.—Silver Lance (alt Domenico) and Khris Kingle (alt Remember II.).

Probables And Jockeys

Stewards: Lt.-Col. J. A. Fairhurst, Mr. R. Dyke Dennis, Major C. H. Lloyd, Mr C F K Mainwaring.

TOTE DOUBLE: 2.0 and 3.0.

1.0—YATESBURY (S) HURDLE. £150. Two miles.

Jap (Mr J Beary), Pulford, 8, 12 ....Moloney
Abbots Ferry (Mr G P Bennett), G Bennett, 8, 12 .... —
Man of Property (Mrs J Beary), J Beary, 9 12 .... —
0 Blax (Mr A J Bridgman), Bridgman, 5, 12 ....Tweed
Scotch Profit (Mr N D Bulloch), T R Leader, 5, 12 ....Goodwill
212 Barrister (Mr L Barthropp), Barthropp, 5, 12 .... —
10 Fonah (Mrs R P Cohen), Powell, 8, 12 ....E C Brown
Indestructible (Col F C Hulse), W Nightingall, 6, 12 ....Pellerin
Heartbreak (Mr F C Kiddle), Lefebre, 6, 12 .... —
000 Spasm (Mr G S Langlands), G Langlands, 5, 12 .... —
Hot Water (Mr H Lester), G Todd, 5, 12 .... —
201 Theras (Mr C A Lister), Hedges, 12 12 .... —
32 Hiltio (Mrs P Nicholls), P Nunneley, 5, 12 ....Redmond
0 Polydamas (Duchess of Norfolk), P Thrale, 6, 12 .... —
420 Hiker (Mr J Orchard), Bridgman, 7, 12 ....Flippance
00 There He Goes (Mr A Prise), Cox, 7, 12 ....Nicholson
0 Spion Light (Mr Rayson), Rayson, 5, 12 ....Burry
00 Jeremiah (Mrs D Rogers), D Rogers, 5, 12 ....W Balding
112 Barrage (Mrs R Taylor), Murless, 5, 12 ....Fawcus
232 Cold Bird (Mrs Teece), J Anthony, 5, 12 ....Scratchley
0 The Jesuit (Capt G R Westmacott), Oosden, 5, 12 ....Peakes
Senorita (Mr W R Sadler), Butchers, 4, 11 10 ....Butchers
0 Robis Tapsie (Mrs N Roberts), Roberts, 4, 11 10 ....Crabb
Rose of Perela II (Mr W Madden), W Madden, 4, 11 10 ....Haley
0 Non-Slip (Mr G Henderson), Bankier, 4, 11 10 ....Dixon

Also engaged: Outrider, Ruddy Essex, Vaslstas, Pol Ploum, Royal Ransom, Cyrus, Inglesant, Captivator, Buens Esperanza, Harlequin.

Betting Forecast.—7—2 Cold Bird, 9—2 Barrage, 6 Fonah, 13—2 Barrister, 8 Hiker, 10 There He Goes, Jap, Hiltio, 100—8 Spion Light, 100—6 others.

1936: Onq Cop (Archibald, 8, 12), 7—2. J Beary.

1.30—ALFRISTON (S) 'CHASE, £150. Two miles.

029 Klang (Mr J Corbett), Rayson, 10, 12 3 ....Fraser
03 Spurile (Mrs A G Delahooke), McMullen, 7, 12 3 Mr Delahooke
4 Fairyhill (Mr P Hartigan), P Hartigan, 7, 12 3 ....Mr J Hartigan
0 Knockhon (Capt McMullen), McMullen, 9, 12 3 ....Mason
111 True Count (Mr P E Peek), Hemsworth, 9, 12 3 ....Mr Petre
Grappler (Mr F Sedgwick), G Wilson, 9, 12 3 .... —
0 Friar's Rum (Mr G Henderson), Bankier, 4, 11 6 ....Dixon

Also engaged:—West Kent, Woolly, Bombay III, Wild Lancer, El Demonio, Pitch Bowl.

Betting Forecast.—7—4 Klang, 3 True Count, 9—2 Spurile, 6 Fairyhill, 10 others.

1936: Theras (Fawcus, 11, 12 3), 7—2. H Harrison.

2.0—NEWBURY JUVENILE MAIDEN HURDLE, £400 (3-Y.O.). One mile four furlongs.

201 Terse (Mr J Gordon), O Anthony, 10 7 ....Mr J H Gordon
1 Silver Lance (Mr C M Kilver), Goode, 10 7 ....Parvin
Poetic Licence (Sir M McAlpine), I Anthony, 10 4 ....Hurford
0 Killarney Boy (Miss D Paget), W Nightingall, 10 4 ....Ingham
00 Newport (Mr F E Peek), D Dick, 10 4 .... —
Bagpipes (Mr James V Rank), G Evans, 10 4 ....Fawcus
003 Winteman (Mr Arthur Sainsbury), H Smyth, 10 4 .... —
0 Medoc II. (Lord Sefton), H Brown, 10 4 ....E C Brown
Heroeen (Sir W Chilcott), H Lowe, 10 4 ....G Wilson
0 Alor Star (Mr W H Gull), P Thrale, 10 4 .... —
0 Port Sunlight (Mr R Bray), H Smyth, 10 4 ....Nicholson
2 Domenico (Mr T F Hooley), Laurence, 10 4 ....Tamlin
0 Blacker (Mrs C W Bloomfield), C Bowcher, 10 ....Hobbs
0 Fast and Fur (Mrs P A Clark), R Hobbs, 10 ....E C Taylor
3 The Horite (Lord Harewood), Barrett, 10 .... —
0 Tadousac (Mrs A James), I Anthony, 10 .... —
0 Kilbride (Sir A McAlpine), Barthropp, 10 .... —
0 Orderly (Mr H R Mosenthal), H Harrison, 10 .... —
0 Prince Memnon (Lord Normanton), Private, 10 .... —
0 Melo (Miss D Paget), W Nightingall, 10 ....Prendergast
Dirty Dick (Mr F E Peek), P Hurt, 10 .... —
00 Utrecht (Mr J A de Rothschild), C Pratt, 10 .... —
Parthique (Mrs S Simmonds), E Piggott, 10 .... —
0 Achill (Mr J H Whitney), J Anthony, 10 ....Scratchley
Orn (Sir E Willis), Nugent, 10 .... —

Also engaged: Never Surprised, Seneschalstown, Vanvitelli, Amico, Honquan.

Betting Forecast.—11—4 Terse, 7—2 Silver Lance, 9—2 The Horite, 6 Domenico, 8 Poetic Licence, Tadousac, 10 Honquan, Fast and Fur, 100—8 Heroeen, 100—6 others.

1936: Incendiaire (Archibald, 10 4), 10—1. Earl.

2.30—CRANBORNE H'CAP 'CHASE. £400. Three miles.

0 Battleship (Mrs M Scott), R Hobbs, 10, 11 13 ....Hobbs
Cooleen (Mr J V Rank), Evans, 9, 11 11 ....Fawcus
40 Thieffry (Mr G S L Whitelaw), A Stubbs, 8, 11 5 ....Wilson
0 Blue Banner II (Mr L E Stoddard), I Anthony, 9, 11 4 ....Burford
Perfect Part (Lord Acton), Dutton, 7, 11 4 .... —
0 Buckthorn (Capt C M L Clements), Master of Gray, 9, 11 1 .... —
003 Antipas (Lady Lindsay), Private, 6, 11 ....Parvin
0 Red Freeman (Mr W Goodbody), P Thrale, 6, 10 13 .... —
30 Pencraik (Mr A Pilkington), Goode, 10, 10 13 ....E C Brown
211 Frankie (Mr P H Sugden), Dowse, 7, 10 12 ....Mr J Gordon
4 4 Lough Cottage (Mrs R S Creagh), P Furlong, 6, 10 9 .... —
04 Sky Knight (Mr N Primsep), Bankier, 6, 10 9 ....Dixon
223 Tapinois (Mr W D Hutchinson), Hurt, 9, 10 6 ....Gurney
Remus (Mr A E Berry), Gosden, 12, 10 1 ....Russell
Coolavach (Lord Stalbridge), Stalbridge, 10, 10 ....Cross
Drybargh (Mr R Baron Vick), Vick, 8, 10 ....B Carter

Also engaged: Golden Miller. Double Crossed. Delachance. Didoric. K.D.H., Rathfirland, Top Tol.

Betting Forecast.—9—2 Cooleen, 6 Battleship, 13—2 Antipas, Sky Knight, 10 Pencraik, Blue Banner II, Frankie, 100—8 Tapinois, 100—6 others.

1936: Cooleen (Fawcus, 8, 11 1), 3—1. Evans.

3.0—ROUND OAK H'CAP HURDLE, £200. Two miles.

110 Rol Tondel (Mrs C Heber-Percy), Holman, 5, 12 7 .... —
Apple Peel (Major J M J Evans), Tabor, 7, 12 4 .... —
0 Lagopede (Capt T N Hone), Beeby, 8, 11 13 ....Carey
Lost Property (Mr J V Rank), Evans, 6, 11 8 .... —
0 Tinker (Mr O S L Whitelaw), A Stubbs, 6, 11 7 .... —
Court Equerry (Mr J Day), Day, 8, 11 7 .... —
Beozer's Gloom (Mr A S Chapman), G Langlands, 6, 11 6 .... —
1 Khris Kingle (7lb ex) (Mr G V Wilkinson), W Nightingall 6, 11 6 Pellerin
Toucher-pas (Mr D B Joel), Earl, 5, 11 5 ....Archibald
0 Roney Plaza (Mr J Gorman), Smyth, 4, 11 4 .... —
Horchatih (Mr H S Lester), V Hobbs, 6, 11 4 .... —
Stop Press (Mr J V Rank), Evans, 7, 11 3 .... —
Splendud (Mr D A Jackson), Powell, 9, 11 3 ....Holland
100 Irish Delight (Mrs Livingstone), C Langlands, 8, 11 2 .... —
31 Lavengro (Mr A M Ainslie), Ainslie, 5, 11 2 .... —
0 Polydamas (Duchess of Norfolk), P Thrale, 6, 11 .... —
00 Swindle (Mr N Primsep), Bankier, 6, 11 .... —
The Uplifter (Mr F A Clark), I Anthony, 5, 11 ....Burford
000 Sam Tan (Lt-Col A P G Isaac), Elwell, 5, 10 13 ....Hobbs
Remember II. (Lord Portall), H Brown, 4, 10 11 ....Nicholson
Millonie (Mr G Hilditch), Gilbert, 5, 10 9 ....Gurney
Fair Deal (Mr G B Bates), E Harper, 6, 10 9 ....E C Brown
00 Pharoscee (Mrs Barrett), Goode, 4, 10 9 ....Parvin
Blue Pencil (Capt J H P Brain), J Hall, 5, 10 8 ....Kinsella
Blaze (Sir E Wills), Sir R Nugent, 5, 10 7 .... —
Sweepstakes (Mrs G Jones), Roberts, 4, 10 5 ....Scratchley
104 Prim and Proper II. (Mr H Isaacs), Roberts, 7, 10 4 ....Crabb
Owens (Mr W Hutchinson), Hardwicke, 4, 10 4 ....Laver

G Wilson rides Tinker or Swindle.

Also engaged: Brave Mic, Japetus, Woodstock, Peaceful Waiter, Cry Red, Bringhurst Lad, St. Bernard, Mount Top, Blue Beard II, Snaefell, Matches, Mary, Pahokee, Lao d'Annecy, Royal Measure, The Black Witch, Looks Likely.

Betting Forecast.—4 Tinker, 9—2 Apple Peel, 5 Rol Tondel, 7 Blue Pencil, 8 Swindle, 10 Remember II, Fair Deal, Sam, 100—6 others.

1936: Cakewalker (B Hobbs, 4, 10 11), 100—8. B Hobbs.

3.30—ANDOVER H'CAP 'CHASE. £150. Two miles.

Bel et Bon (Mr G S L Whitelaw), A Stubbs, 6, 12 3 ....Wilson
24 Delapaix (Mr J B Snow), Beeby, 8, 12 2 ....Carey
110 Santlosa (Mr A Hall), P Gurney, 9, 11 10 ....Whelndale
3 Novgorod (Mrs A E Phillips), Bissill, 5, 11 9 ....Bissill
434 Tresca (Mrs A A Sidney Villar), Powell, 6, 11 6 .... —
223 Santa Luz (Mr J Morant), Morant, 6, 11 5 .... —
110 Lovely Herod (Sir W Chilcott), H Lowe, 9, 11 5 ....Kirby
20 Dinton Lad (Lady Currie), Norris, 5, 11 4 ....Isaac
0 Cakewalker (Mrs P A Clark), R Hobbs, 5, 11 4 ....Hobbs
Sedale Hunt (Mr J T C Burn), P Brown, 6, 10 13 ....Cay
002 Sporting Piper (Lord Belper), P Thrale, 6, 10 13 .... —
Provocative (Mrs J de Selincourt), J Anthony, 7, 10 13 Scratchley
Splendud (Mr D A Jackson), Powell, 9, 10 11 ....Holland
Pook's Hill (Mr P S Akroyd), Bankier, 10, 10 9 ....H Jones
00 Delacue (Mr Lee Partridge), C Furlong, 9, 10 9 .... —
Squire Morris (Sir E Willis), Nugent, 10, 10 5 ....Parvin
0 Linby Hall (Mr A E Berry), Gosden, 9, 10 3 ....T F Morgan
0 Hygiene (Mr C Heber-Percy), Bankier, 5, 10 ....Dixon
00 Jolly Beacon (Mr F C Kiddle), Lefebre, 4, 10 .... —

Also engaged: Kellsboro' Jack, Luckpenny, Mollison, Loyal Prince, Davy Jones, Rock Lad, Golden Luck, Bineham, Sabotage, Hornby Park, Xenon, Hilarion.

Betting Forecast.—7—2 Delapaix, 11—2 Lovely Herod, 6 Santlosa, 8 Novgorod, Provocative, 10 Pook's Hill, Dinton Lad, 100—8 Cakewalker, 100—6 others.

1936: Delaglace (Moloney, 7, 10 10), 5—1. Beeby.

What The Book Says

TRUE COUNT has won his last two 'chases—at Hawthorn Hill and Wolverhampton respectively—and should continue the sequence of successes in the Alfriston 'Chase at Newbury (1.30).

Horses For Courses

NEWBURY.

1.0.—Outrider (2m hdle), Indestructible (2m hdle), Spasm (2m hdle), Theras (2m ch, 3m ch), Royal Ransom (2m hdle).

1.30.—Klang (2m 50y ch, 2m ch), Spurile (2m ch), Fairyhill (2m 50y ch), True Count (2m hdle), Wild Lancer (2m 50y ch), Grappler (2m 50y ch).

2.30.—Golden Miller (2m 50y ch three times, incl once disq), Battleship (2½m ch), Cooleen (3m ch), Blue Banner II. (3m ch), Buckthorn (3m ch), Sky Knight (3m ch), Tapinois (2m hdle, 3m ch), Remus (3m ch twice).

3.0.—Khris Kringle (2m 50y ch).

3.0.—Kellsboro' Jack (2m 50y ch twice, 3m ch twice), Loyal Prince (2m ch), Novgorod (2m ch), Santa Luz (2m 50y ch), Cakewalker (2m hdle), Provocative (2m 50y ch), Linby Hall (2m ch).

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 for the last eight years on the second day of the Newbury December meeting:—

Favourites.—Aggregate loss £17 11s 5d.

Second Favourites.—Aggregate profit £8 15s 5d.

Best Races for Favourites.—1.0, 4 winners; 1.30, 4 winners.

Winning Jockeys.—Moloney 6, D Morgan 4, Fawcus 4.

Winning Trainers.—I Anthony 4, Beeby 4.

MAGEES' SKULL FRACTURED

S. Magee, who was heavily thrown when Mesmerist fell at Liverpool on November 13, has been examined by a surgeon who has diagnosed the injury as a fractured skull. Magee must have complete rest for three months.

Clive Graham's Gossip

Ex-Show Horse Wins His First Steeplechase

NEWBURY, Wednesday.

KNIGHT OF TROY paid a fine compliment to his trainer, Gwynne Evans, by winning the Kingsclere Handicap 'Chase here today. Last year the horse was being hunted, and at the end of the hunting season ran in several point-to-point races. He could not win one.

Mr. J. V. Rank originally bought him as a show horse. He would have been a champion, but he fell and chipped his knees.

He looked like winning easily today, but a blunder at the last fence caused him to lose two lengths, and Jack Fawcus had to ride hard to get the better of Fillip.

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There were some cracking falls in this race. Victor Norman and Niedergondershausen came down at the fourth fence. Their jockeys never moved. Gerry Wilson luckily rolled the right way, to safety, when Pet's Son fell at the next.

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Evan Williams was going well on Samoht when the horse fell at the last open ditch. The fall caught him unprepared and he landed head first. Apart from a shaking and a stiff neck he was not seriously injured. His main concern as he lay on the ground was that his front teeth had been knocked out. Fans will learn with relief that his manly beauty is unimpaired.

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Dark Side, surprise winner of the selling hurdle, used to be owned by the late Sir Armine Morris. He was sold for less than £20 when Sir Armine's horses were auctioned about a month ago. Mr. Roddick went to 330 guineas to buy him after the race.

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AIRGEAD SIOS gave another immaculate performance in the open 'chase. I went down the course to watch him more closely. I have never known a horse jump with such precision. Nicholson drove Luckpenny for all he was worth at the second-last fence, whereas Tommy McNeill sat quiet on the chestnut. They took off almost together. Airgead Sios was three-quarters of a length in front on landing.

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Pompous added to the discomfiture of backers by bringing off a 100—7 chance in the Berks Handicap Hurdle. Bob Willett could not train him last year, but the rest seems to have given him a bit of speed. He beat Pat's Cottage fairly and squarely from the last hurdle.

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Lobau, now trained by Bobby Dick, has done exceptionally well since last season, but he needed the race. Golden Noble, withdrawn at 1,200 guineas when submitted by Mr. Wigney earlier in the afternoon, ran moderately. One or two people who had been bidding for him sighed with relief!

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There were so many runners for the Hants Hurdle that it was obvious that the race for the first flight would be a scrimmage. George Archibald's mount, Knight of the Border, was crowded out, and had to be pulled up.

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The best bet tomorrow may be Spasm in the Yatesbury Selling Hurdle (1.0). True Count should beat Klang and win (1.30), and Utrecht has an each-way chance against Silver Lance and Domenico (2.0).

H.H. Maharaja of Rajpipla's Mark You, who won the Ashdown Juvenile Hurdle Race at Lingfield Park last Saturday, is being sent to India to race on the flat.

Training Hints

NEWMARKET. — Unless plans are changed Toucher Pas will be our only runner in the Round Oak Handicap Hurdle at Newbury; wires the Daily Express resident correspondent.

Earl's gelding has pleased in his latest gallops and may pay for each way support.

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

1.0.—Fonah (Aldbourne) fancied, Indestructible (Epsom) fancied, Cold Bird (Letcombe) go close, Senorita (Lewes) fancied.

1.30.—Spurile (Wantage) fancied.

2.0.—Terse (Wroughton) good, Silver Lance (Lambourn) fancied, Killarney Boy (Epsom) want beating.

2.30.—Battleship (Upper Lambourn) fancied, Blue Banner II. (Wroughton) good chance, Frankie (Grantham) each way, Tapinois (Eastbury) fancied.

3.0.—Horchatih (Upper Lambourn) go close, Stop Press (Druid's Lodge) each way, Khris Kingle (Epsom) want beating.

3.30.—Tresca (Aldbourne) good, Cakewalker (Upper Lambourn) fancied.

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NEWBURY.

1.0.—Ebon Knight win 185-10, place 35-10; Jus Premier place 13-10, Bombay III place 27-10.

1.30.—Dark Side win 1,045-10, place 126-10; Moonlight Reveller place 5-10, Say Nowt place 33-10.

2.0.—Knight of Troy win 199-10, place 41-10; Fillip place 52-10, Tallin place 373-10. Forecast 1,574-10.

2.30.—Airgead Sios win 7-10, place 2-10; Luckpenny place 6-10, Kellsboro' Jack place 7-10.

3.0.—Pompous win 503-10, place 99-10; Pat's Cottage place 14-10. Flying Eagle place 52-10.

3.30.—Velvet Glove win 36-10, place 6-10; Aldine place 42-10, Masquery place 17-10.

SPORTSMAN'S DIARY

ASSOCIATION

F.A. Cup.—First round replays (2): Kettering T v Crystal Palace—Newport Co v Kidderminster H.

Other Match.—Oxford University v A T Barber's XI (2.30).

RUGBY UNION

Notts, Lincs and Derbyshire Colts v Leicestershire Colts, Beeston.

RUGBY LEAGUE.

Australian Tour.—St Helens and St Helens Recreation v Australians (2.45).

BADMINTON.—Welsh championships, Llandudno.

BOXING.—Tom Reddington v Frank Hough, West Ham Baths—Con O'Kelly v Jacob Schonrath, Liverpool Stadium—Alexandra B.C. tournament, Alexandra Palace.

GOLF.—Guildford Alliance meeting, Cumberley Heath—Hants Alliance 27 holes four-ball competition, Stoneham, Southampton.

ICE HOCKEY.—National League: Brighton Tigers v Streatham (8.15)—Wembley Lions v Wembley Monarchs (8).

ROLLER SKATING.—N.S.A. half-mile open amateur handicap, Forest Gate Rink.

SNOOKER.—Gold Cup: S Smith v A Brown, Thurston's, Leicester-square (3 and 8).

SQUASH RACKETS.—R.N. and R.M. championship, United Service Club.

S.E. Hockey Selection

SEVEN of the twenty-two players who took part in the South-East hockey trial at Richmond yesterday were included in the team afterwards chosen to meet South-West at Osterley on January 1.

The other four are K. B. Boys, C. K. Herbert, J. S. Dodd and G. D. Penn.

Penn has already appeared six times for England while Boys and Herbert have previously played for the South. Team:—

K. B. Boys (Surrey); T. D. Mitchell (Kent), C. K. Herbert (Kent); R. S. Cranston (Sussex), J. S. Dodd (Sussex), W. R. Merricks (Sussex), V. C. Wallace (Kent), G. D. Penn (Kent), D. C. S. Ball (Surrey), P. T. Rothwell (Kent), A. P. Fletcher (Surrey).

The trial did not reach a high standard, but halves of both sides were good, notably R. S. Cranston, W. F. Goold, and S. Clarke.

Colours won 2—1, their scorers being Fletcher and Rothwell. Ball scored for Whites.

HAMPSHIRE RECORD GOES WEST IN EAST

By LEO MUNRO

Eastern Counties 17 pts., Hampshire 0 pts.

HAMPSHIRE'S unbeaten record in the Rugby county championship "went west" in the east yesterday. Eastern Counties defeated them at Southend by three goals (one dropped), one try to nothing.

The fates and a lively side were against Hampshire. They lost right-wing three-quarter Ellis, who retired with a broken collar-bone after twelve minutes' play.

Their usually deadly marksman, Owen, had six chances to kick penalty goals, but failed to land one, his first and best attempt hitting a goal-post.

So it was an unlucky afternoon for Hampshire. They muddled a couple of try-scoring opportunities when playing down the slope in the first half.

Eastern Counties, in contrast, seized their scoring chances, and Hampshire were not dealt all the ill-fortune. "Counties" forward Crane going off injured rather more than mid-way through the second half.

Hampshire threatened to take an early lead, their mid-field men, Clutterbuck, Nott, and Goldsworthy running well.

But Hampshire attacks lacked finish, and Counties, pounding back, scored first, alert old hand Doggett up to touch for a try.

PLAYER OF PROMISE

Eastern Counties, changing ends three points ahead, were well placed. They rose to it, and stand-off half Oxborrow took a triumphant part in their progress.

A highly promising young player this, who scored two tries and dropped a goal.

His first try rewarded opportunism. A kick ahead, swift follow up, a fumble by Hampshire's mainly steady full-back, Eldridge, and Oxborrow still chasing the ball through to score.

His dropped goal followed a pass back by partner Burt from a scrum in front of the Hampshire posts.

Burt helped again with an inside pass to send Oxborrow running in with dummy and change of direction for his second try, converted by Jones, as the first had been.

The loss of Ellis, which compelled that fine forward, Kemp, to be pulled out of the Hampshire pack, meant a lot. But the better side won, as the game went.

Hampshire still have a chance of first place in the South-Eastern Division. Everything will depend on their battle with unbeaten Surrey at the Dell, Southampton, next Wednesday.

Rousing Kent Rally Fails

Teden, Middlesex' Star

Middlesex 13 pts, Kent 9 pts.

KENT lost at Richmond yesterday by two placed goals and a try to three tries, but they made Middlesex fight all the time.

Middlesex were outplayed and had to defend for long periods after the interval.

Forwards took the honours in a close game, especially Teden—the best player on the field—Holland and McCombe for Middlesex; Reynolds, France and Taylor for Kent.

There were many elementary errors on both sides. Forwards strayed into offside positions and the backs spoiled movements by wild passing.

INTERCEPTED PASS

Daly picked up a loose ball after a forward rush and, unopposed, went over for a Middlesex try in ten minutes. Barton equalised when he intercepted a pass and touched down in the corner.

The best movement gave Barton his second try immediately afterwards. Kent forced a scrum on the Middlesex twenty-five. The ball went across the field to Barton, who swerved past two men and touched down wide out.

A try by Jones, which Chapman converted, restored the Middlesex lead before the interval.

Towards the end a smart run by Griffin gave Teden another try for Middlesex and Chapman improved from in front of the posts. Oxborrow slipped over for a well-deserved Kent try near the end.

Novis Outpaces All, Scores Wonder Try

2nd Leicester Regt. 6 pts., 1st Welsh Guards 8 pts.

FORMER English Rugby international, A. L. Novis, came out of retirement specially to train for the Army Cup ties.

The Welsh Guards gave him few loopholes. But Novis, although on the beaten side, provided the thrill of the match.

Novis burst through with a magnificent run nearly the full length of the field, outpacing all the opposition and scored the only try of the match.

The Guards deserved their win. They scored the second of two almost similar dropped goals, both by fly-half, Anderson, almost on time.

The Welsh forwards heeled the ball cleanly each time following five-yard scrums almost opposite the posts and Rees swung it back to Anderson, who landed both kicks easily.

The Leicesters were smarter behind the scrum, but a wet ball and the determined tackling of the Guards prevented them from opening up the game except on rare occasions.

The powerful Welsh pack were held in the loose. The Guards, however, got the ball from nearly every scrum. Davidson kicked a penalty goal for the Leicesters, who twice held the lead.

Hockey Player Arrives In A Hansom

P. M. WHITEHOUSE was due to play for Oxford University hockey club against Blackheath yesterday, and when he did not arrive at the ground on time Blackheath sportingly agreed to wait a few minutes.

A hansom cab rolled up to the ground twenty minutes later, and out jumped Whitehouse arrayed in playing kit.

He offered apologies, explained he had been held up and had changed in the train. The game began.

Straight from the bully-off Whitehouse scored a goal. He did it again and again, and Blackheath lost 4—2.

Trap Speed Of Orluck May Decide Cambridge

By J. S. BRADFORD

DIAMOND GLORY, Mr. G. C. Rowell's famous Newcastle-trained dog—they call him "Cock of the North" on Tyneside—will attempt to win his second Cambridgeshire when the final of this race is decided at West Ham tonight.

He scored in decisive fashion last year. Yet the dog was nearly eliminated in the first-round heat this year, a bad bump causing the trouble.

Then he ran impressively last Monday to beat Golden Alexander in the first of the three semi-finals.

The most impressive dog, however, last Monday was the Harringay-trained Orluck's Best, who beat the odds-on Lone Keel by three and a half lengths in the fastest time of the night.

A semi-classic win would not be out of place for this brilliantly fast dog, who was favourite for The Scurry final, was badly bumped in the race itself, and at the end had to give best to Hexham Bridge.

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QUICK STARTERS

MOST of tonight's six runners are fliers from the trap, but I think Orluck's Best is probably the quickest "trapper" racing today.

He is drawn in Trap 3 this evening. Not, perhaps, an ideal berth, but if he breaks as he usually does he should be out and on to the rails ahead of Lone Keel and Diamond Glory, who are in the two inside traps.

Runners in trap order, are—Lone Keel, Diamond Glory, Orluck's Best, Beckburn Miracle, Four Mile Bridge, Golden Alexander.

Provincial and privately trained dogs have done brilliantly in this race, for three out of the six finalists come into this category.

Whether or not one of them will score outright is another matter. To my mind Orluck's Best should win, and another Harringay trained dog, Golden Alexander, be the runner-up.

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HARVEY LEAVING

WEST HAM have two meetings today, the first a matinée, which starts at 3 p.m.

This is an all-graded card, in which I make the ex-Clapton dog, Tribesman Laddie, the nap.

The London tracks are again going to associate themselves with the Hockwold Coursing Club next January.

As in previous years it will be a two-day meeting, on January 20 and 21. The London Cup, limited to track-trained dogs, is the chief stake.

Just as I wrote these words I heard that "Jack" Harvey had decided, after all, to leave the G.R.A. and his home track, Harringay.

He will vacate his kennels at once. It seems rather a pity, particularly as Harvey told a director of his own company last week that he had no intention of leaving the G.R.A.

But there you are. I prophesy that Harvey will go to train at another North London track.

TODAY'S SELECTIONS

WEST HAM.—3.0, Wolverton Fury, 3.36, Foxy Fox, 3.36, Hunningham Jubilee, 3.54, Bright Shaw Decorator, 4.12, Fair Scorcher, 4.30, Hunningham Peter, 2.48, Tottenham Laddie (nap), 5.6, Carnarvon Kate.

8.0, Tolpies Herald, 8.18, Little Gift, 8.36, Armed Bandit, 8.54, Prince Foe, 9.12, Orrell's Best (nap), 9.30, Jr. Cadgate, 9.40, Marvis of Rosemount, 10.5, No Headache.

SPORTS SUMMARY

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INTERNATIONAL MATCH.

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