Templebeg Is Napped To Move Up One

Cyril Luckman.

By THE SCOUT *(Cyril Luckman)*

I CANNOT recall a winter during which less has been written or said about the coming classics.

It used to be the custom to couple the Derby winner with a New Year blessing!

I have felt a thrill in prospect, but I wish it could have been allied with more confidence in any one three-year-old.

After the classic wins of Mid-day Sun and Exhibitionnist—who were among the light-weights in the Free Handicap—and of Chulmleigh, who was not weighted at all, it made us all recall how far we were out of our reckoning this time last year.

Winter Derby favourite then in Lord Astor's unbeaten Early School could never run again: Bala Hissar, who headed the handicap of 1935 youngsters, won one small plate worth about £140!

Fortunately, two more of the Aga Khan's in unbeaten Bahram and Mahmoud were more obliging.

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THERE seems a good opportunity for another slower-maturing colt to make Turf history. It is, so far, easier to think of the winter favourite Portmarnock—listed at 7 to 1—and Scottish Union (tens) over the shorter distance first of the Rowley Mile at Newmarket.

There may be, of course, no sound reason why the Champagne winner Portmarnock should not stay at Epsom as well as win the Two Thousand Guineas. Anyway, Sir Humphrey de Trafford expects him to do so.

Portmarnock would probably have won all his four races, but the owner has explained to me that his colt coughed twice in the paddock after his failure to carry through in Ramtapa's race at Ascot.

The form did not work out well and Portmarnock would subsequently have beaten any of the four who finished in front of him.

Mr. Arthur Fawcett took this into account when he put Portmarnock on top of the Free Handicap—only 1lb. above Mr. Rank's Middle Park winner, Scottish Union, who also downed nonstaying Mirza II.

Such, however, as Ramtapa, Onslaught and Golden Hair colt—who will all not be so easy to train—and also Khan Bahadur, Glen Loan (from the Portmarnock stable), Old Radnor and many others were not weighted, for they would automatically have been on top because they had not had three outings.

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IT remains to be seen whether Boyd-Rochfort—with Portmarnock, River Prince, Glen Loan and the less-satisfactory Unbreakable—has a stronger three-year-old team than Frank Butters, whose Khan Bahadur might prove the best stayer of class in the stable, and emulate his brother Mahmoud, who managed to get the Derby journey.

Another of the Aga Khan's in Tahir is quoted at a shorter price than Khan Bahadur, but, if forced to make a bet at the moment, I would prefer 14 to 1 against Khan Bahadur, who was still green when he improved on Goodwood and won at York.

Tahir has to forget his Gimcrack buffeting and also show that he stays on as well this year.

What A Lad—a 33 to 1 chance—may not be another Windsor Lad for "Mr. Pip," but George Duller's famous topper may be sported on Derby day at his home meeting!

It cannot be too soft for What A Lad and some of the others with "doubtful understandings." And after this very non-committal classic discussion, let me turn to more immediate and modest jumping needs.

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Consolation Prizes

ENTRIES are formidable at Haydock, but support from southern stables may not be so liberal.

Consolation prizes may, however, be found for several prominent Manchester performers, and Matthew Peacock, with Yorkshireman losses to recover, may get another hurdle handicap out of lightly-penalised Golden Dollar.

Beachway and Cactus II. are coming back to form, but Beachway may wait for more important engagements.

Arctic Tern finished well in the "Victory" and Freezy was pacemaker. I also note the progressive Chester-trained Vitality, Manchukuo, Marula, who missed Manchester, Bloater, Flying Eagle, Newmarket and King's Warden.

Templebeg was trying to give Wardley nearly two stone at Manchester, and he might be the best bet of the day in the Ashton Chase, even if Holbeton Point takes on Wight's charge. Templebeg was second last year.

Rimell's Over the Border split Red Hillman and Bachelor Prince at Wolverhampton and seems to me reasonably in in the three-miles handicap with the lightly penalised Gold King, Tapinois, Benefit and Wight's Aintree winner Inversible, who may have too much to do with 12st. 7lbs.

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HE is a further reminder that Grand National entries are due tomorrow, and he seems one of the safe conveyances there, for Scotland's hope was fifth to Reynoldstown two years ago.

Like Airgead Sios, more recently, he was not sold at first after a veterinary examination, but his former trainer returned a year later and bought him. Then a neighbour, Colonel Peel, came along and determined that Inversible should remain on the Scottish side of the border.

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HAYDOCK PARK
3.30—TEMPLEBEG
Double:
Over The Border and Templebeg
January 5, 1938. THE SCOUT.

COURSE JOTTINGS

BY OUR COURSE CORRESPONDENT

LONDON, Tuesday.

GERRY WILSON, who won the Grand National on Golden Miller in 1934, may pilot our old friend Dryburgh at Liverpool on March 25.

Bert Carter is not fully recovered from his tumble at Cheltenham, and Wilson will ride Dryburgh in the Stayers' Chase at Gatwick on Friday.

If the partnership is satisfactory I understand we shall see the same combination in the coming "National."

It doesn't seem like two years ago that Pinkcoat scored at 20 to 1 for readers of these notes. He ran thrice more that season, and has not been out since. He reappears in the County Hurdle tomorrow, and as I hear trainer Dutton has got him back to form again I shall support him.

Middleham stables are well represented, and there is a good deal of confidence in the chance of Golden Dollar in the Warrington Hurdle.

Golden Dollar jumped perfectly on Saturday, and although second over the last hurdle he had plenty in reserve.

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I THINK he could have won by more than the official three lengths. There should be a good market for tomorrow's race, which may look open on paper, but I am satisfied to let Golden Dollar run for me.

He was fourth in this race last year, and, even penalised, has only 2lbs. more to carry. I reckon he has improved nearly a stone since then.

Selections.—1.0, Pinkcoat; 1.30, Old Edinburgh; 2.0, *Golden Dollar; 2.30, Inglesant; 3.0, Hownmow; 3.30, Blackwood (if ab Ibrahim II.).

What The Book Says

POOR CHANCE ran second to Benzol in a three-mile chase at Manchester on Saturday, and may have been unlucky not to win. He may hello his name in the Gerrard Handicap Chase (3.0), in which he has bottom weight.

Training Hints

1.0.—Manteau Royal (Wantage) fancied. Lemon Cheese (Chitterne) go close. Hawk-Eye (Russley) fit, worth support. Goldron (Malton) each way. Stop Press (Druids Lodge) strongly fancied. Peter Piper (Middleham) fancied.

1.30.—Fairyhill (Weyhill) nap. Gold Tor (Russley) go close.

2.0.—Cactus II. (Wantage) fancied. Duke of Burgundy (Druids Lodge) well schooled; fancied. Noelb (Spanoulo) each way. Golden Dollar (Middleham) should win again.

2.30.—Cyrus (Wantage) fancied. Alvarado (Wetherby) should score.

3.0.—Mount Charles (Wetherby) confidently expected.

3.30.—Ibrahim II. (Weyhill) go close.

HAYDOCK PARK

SIR HARRY'S SELECTIONS.

1.0, Mr. Rank's Selected; 1.30, Saint Christopher; 2.0, Cactus II (nap); 2.30, Donna Mia; 3.0, Over the Border; 3.30, Castle View.

SPORTSMAN'S DIARY

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.—DIVISION I.

Arbroath v Partick T.

London Mid-Week League.—Folkestone v West Ham United (2.30).

Midland Mid-Week League.—Moor Green v Leicester City.

English Schools Shield.—Brighton and Hove v Chatham (2.30).

Middlesex Mid-Week Cup.—Second Round: R.A.F. v Wembley Centels (3.30).

Other Matches.—A.F.A. Public Schools v Stock Exchange, at Dulwich; Beckenham v West Wickham, at West Wickham; Old Boys' League, at Motspur Park (two games).

RUGBY UNION

County Championship.—Sussex v Hampshire, Worthing (2.15).

Public Schools Match.—Home Counties P.S. v Rest of England P.S., Old Deer Park, Richmond.

Other Match.—Bridgend v 1st Welsh Regt. (3).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Batley v Leeds.

BILLIARDS.—Amateur championship, Burroughes and Watts, Soho-square (3 and 8). Match: Dufty v Lee v Harry Stokes, Nile Rooms, Glasgow (3 and 7.30).

BOXING.—Metropolitan Police championships, Stadium Club, Holborn (7.30).

HOCKEY.—Hertfordshire "A" v Essex "A", Dunstable—Cambridge "A" v Hertfordshire "A", Cambridge—Sussex "A" v Hampshire "A", Chichester—R.A.F. v R.A.F., Uxbridge, Henlow—Reading v Worcester Rest, Sonning—R. Army Pay Corps v Depot & Surrey Rest, Chiswick. Women's tournament: East, Clapton; Midland Rest, Ramsgate; North, Scarborough; West, Weston-super-Mare.

ICE HOCKEY.—National League: Streatham v Wembley Lions, Streatham (8).

LAWN TENNIS.—Junior covered courts championships, West Dulwich.

SNOOKER.—Gold Cup tournament: Horace Lindrum v Alec Brown, Thurston's Hall, Leicester-square (3 and 8).

SQUASH RACKETS.—Public Schools' handicap, Queen's Club, London.

WINTER BOWLS.—Paddington v Berks, Bucks and Oxfordshire.

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 nine years on the first day of the New Year meeting at Haydock Park. The 1929 and 1931 meetings were abandoned.

Favourites.—Aggregate loss £7 7s.

Second Favourites.—Aggregate loss £5 5s.

Best Races for Favourites.—1.0, 5 winners; 2.0, 5 winners; 2.30, 4 winners; 3.30, 5 winners.

Winning Jockeys.—J Lynn 4, Fawcus 3.

Winning Trainers.—McGuigan 4, Lyde 3.

TEMPEST II. DESTROYED

It has been found necessary to destroy Tempest II., Janchorne which was sent by Mr. Mucomber from France to Major Beatty's stables at Newmarket with a view to winning some of the principal English races. Tempest II. finished fifth in the Cambridgeshire in 1936. Last year he ran twice in England. He was second to Commander III. in the Kempton Park Great Jubilee Handicap and then won the Queen Anne Stakes at Ascot.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHING

Epsom Derby and Two Thousand Guineas Stakes, Newmarket.—Straight Eye, at 9 a.m. yesterday.

Horses For Courses

HAYDOCK PARK.

1.0.—Icicle Joe (2m hdle).

1.30.—Old Edinburgh (2m ch), Tetracaun (2m ch).

2.0.—Newmarket (1½m hdle), Freezy (1½m hdle), Alominite (2m hdle), Vitality (2m hdle).

2.30.—Alvarado (2m ch, 3m ch), Icicle Joe (2m hdle).

3.0.—Nereps (2m hdle), Fearless (3m ch), Inversible (2m ch twice), Mount Charles (3m ch), Ballyfox (2m hdle), Tapinois (3m ch).

3.30.—Double Bay (3m ch), Exile II (2m hdle), Castle View (3m ch), Shrewsmouse (2m ch), Templebeg (2m ch).

HAYDOCK

All the selections in this table are copyright. SAFETY BET. 3.30.—Templeber.

	1.0. 2m.	1.30. 2m.	2.0. 2m.	2.30. 2m.	3.0. 3m.	3.30. 2m.
THE SCOUT	Prince Achille (If ab Stop Press)	Saint Christopher (If ab Fairyhill)	Golden Dollar (If ab Cactus II.)	Inglesant (If ab Alvarado)	Over The Border (n.b.) (If ab Gold King)	Templeber (nap) (If ab Holbeton Point)
WHAT THE BOOK SAYS	Hawk-Eye	Fairyhill	Cactus II.	Inglesant	Poor Chance (nap)	Templeber
TATTENHAM (S. Express)	Duke of Burgundy (If ab Manteau Royal)	Fairyhill (If ab Burtax)	Beachway (If ab Cactus II.)	Le Sarrazin (If ab Vollino)	Lacatoi (If ab The Dubarry)	Holbeton Point (nap) (If ab Templeceg)

THE SCOUT'S TOTE DOUBLE.—Golden Dollar (alt. Cactus II.) and Over The Border (alt. Gold King).

Probables And Jockeys

Stewards: Major H Peel, Sir E Hanmer, Sir A McAlpine, Mr J Rank.

TOTE DOUBLE: 2.0 and 3.0.

1.0—COUNTY HURDLE, £100. Two miles.

01 Manteau Royal (Mr G Whiteley), A Stubbs, 5, 11 8 ....Mr Prendergast
02 Straight Larch (Miss R Bagley), R Bennett, 8, 11 5 ....Walwyn
0 Escalais (Mr P Cazalet), H Whiteman, 6, 11 5 ....Mr Mildmay
000 Ruddington (Mr W R Bissill), Bissill, 9, 11 ....J Bissill
0 Triplepaite II (Mr H Henshall), Cockton, 6, 11 5 ....Fitzgerald
0 Icicle Joe (Mr L Ravencroft), Houghton, 9, 11 5 ....—
Pinkcoat (Mrs E M Royds), Dutton, 6, 11 5 ....—
0 Duke of Burgundy (Mr James V Rank), G Evans, 5, 11 1 ....—
Fern-Li-Del (Mr J Redfern), Drake, 5, 10 3 ....O'Brien
000 Lemon Cheese (Mr J H Mears), D Rogers, 5, 10 3 ....Walsh or Doyle
000 Catalino (Mr J Walton), Bladon, 5, 10 3 ....—
Wighill (Mr W Newton), Newton, 5, 10 3 ....Mr Hayes
0 Moorland Lass (Mr D Wright), Private, 5, 10 3 ....—
450 Anchor Bar (Miss L Lumb), Thompson, 7, 10 1 ....—
The Twink (Mr C W Jackson), Mason, 7, 10 1 ....Richardson
Silver Hare (Mr J Bird), G Wilson, 6, 10 1 ....Ward
0 Hawk-Eye (Mr T Cook), J Hall, 6, 10 1 ....—
0 Coldron (Mr E Davey), Davey, 7, 10 1 ....—
00 Glyn Valley (Mr H D Dennis), F Dennis, 6, 10 1 ....Owen
Stop Press (Mr James V Rank), G Evans, 8, 10 1 ....—
Peter Piper (Mr J C Spivey), J Harper, 6, 10 1 ....A F Thompson
0 Proud Moment (Mrs L Tate), Tate, 6, 10 1 ....Grant
0 Agrippina (Mr K Thompson), Private, 6, 10 1 ....—
0 Prince Achille (M P Werthelmer), F Hartigan, 6, 10 1 ....E Brown

Following Are Also Engaged:— yrs st lb
000 Herdsole Bachelor (Mr W J Rimell), T Rimell 6 11 8
01 Winter Worker (Mr E Hyslop Bell), H Peacock 6 11 5
0 Carlown (Mr R E Lowther), Murless 5 10 3
000 Fressit (Mrs N Roberts), Roberts 5 10 3
00 Grand Fancy (Sir Alfred McAlpine), Bartlropp 5 10 3
Chic (Mr J H Brewis), M Peacock 6 10 1
020 Matheran (Mr G W Dixon), Easterby 11 10 1
Autumn Tints (Lord Grimthorpe), Bazley 6 10 1
00 Nagesh (Sir V Ray Baker), J Hall 6 10 1
000 Le Kirghize (Mrs J E Powell), Powell 6 10 1
Knightly Errand (Mr James V Rank), G Evans 6 10 1
Knight Alone (Mr James V Rank), G Evans 8 10 1
00 Markenfield (Mr R Renton), Renton 6 10 1
Lillum (Mr A Saunders), Mitchell 6 10 1
Barney Blue (Mr E S Waring), Perry 4 10 0
020 Loganica (Mrs J Strang), Wight 4 10 0
Solilogo (Mrs E Hudson), F Armstrong 4 10 0

Betting Forecast.—3 Manteau Royal, 11—2 Stop Press, 7 Straight Larch, 8 Peter Piper, Lemon Cheese, 10 Pinkcoat, 100—8 Prince Achille, Ruddington, 100—6 others.

1937: Yorkshireman (Waudby, 8, 10 7), 3—1 (fav), M Peacock.

1.30—CULCHETH (S) H'CAP CHASE, £100. Two miles.

423 Saint Christopher (Mr H Kenyon), B Bullock, 9, 12 6 ....Wilson
032 Fairyhill (Mr P Hartigan), F Hartigan, 7, 12 3 ....—
Claremount (Mr V Brown), Cockton, 10, 12 ....Fitzgerald
04 Surtax (Mr R Blake), A Blake, 10, 11 6 ....D Hayes
(or)
003 Gold Amulet (Mr Simpson), A Blake, 9, 11 6 ....D Hayes
000 Saratoga (Mr M A T Johnson), M Johnson, 13, 11 6 ....Worthington
213 Old Edinburgh (Mr A M Ainslie), Harte, 8, 11 ....Harte
000 Malted Milk (Mrs S Byrne), Byrne, 6, 10 13 ....Archibald
Tetracaun (Mr J C Lilley), Lilley, 13, 10 10 ....Cooke
00 Gold Tor (Mr J K Thompson), J Hall, 10, 10 4 ....Kinsella
Caslanet (Mr D J J Evans), Elwell, 7, 10 2 ....—
Bray Hills (Mr J McNamara), Lofthouse, 10, 10 ....Mr MacNamara
002 San Michele (Mrs N Birch), C Birch, 10, 10 ....Loftus

Following Are Also Engaged:— yrs st lbs
201 Stole (5lb extra) (Mrs K Goode), Goode 7 12 12
040 Celtic Rover (Mr E K Hawkin), Dutton 7 12 2
140 Rolling Pin (Mr S Wharton), Roberts 7 10 6
Croker (Mr J Piggott), C Piggott ....7 10 ....—

Betting Forecast.—4 Fairyhill, 9—2 San Michele, 5 Claremount, 6 Saint Christopher, 8 Gold Amulet (or Surtax), 10 Old Edinburgh, Malted Milk, 100—8 Tetracaun, 100—6 others.

1937: Old Edinburgh (Harte, 7, 10 3), 10—1. Ainslie.

2.0—WARRINGTON H'CAP HURDLE, £125. Two miles.

042 Cactus II (Mr G Whiteley), A Stubbs, 8, 11 10 ....Wilson
0 Duke of Burgundy (Mr James V Rank), G Evans, 5, 11 10 ....Fawcus
Blaster (Mr David Brown), A D Brown, 8, 11 7 ....—
311 Vitality (Mr J R Leigh), E Johnson, 7, 11 4 ....Owen
031 Flying Eagle (Mr R E More), Roberts, 5, 11 3 ....Foley
000 Nurib (Sir Z Bushby), Goldsmith, 6, 10 10 ....—
1 Golden Dollar (5lb ex) (Mr John Sharp), M Peacock, 6, 10 10 ....A F Thompson
20 Glencorse (Mrs J Strang), Wight, 7, 10 9 ....Hogan
030 The Blue Boy (Mr P Hartigan), P Hartigan, 7, 10 7 ....—
2 Flaz (Mr W Carr), Carr, 6, 10 2 ....—
00 Freezy (Mr J T C Burn), Burn, 7, 10 ....—
00 Royal Spa (Mr T Venn), Gubbins, 8, 10 ....Ward
0 Sandman (Lady B Groves), Cooke, 5, 10 ....—

Following Are Also Engaged:— yrs st lb
2 Beachway (Mr James V Rank), G Evans 7 12 8
002 Arctic Tern (Mr A C Hutchison), Wight 5 11 3
240 Celibate II. (Mr F E Peck), D Dick 6 11 7
011 Manchukuo (Lady M Stanley), Murless 5 11 2
0 Marula (Mrs Mason), Drake 6 10 13
0 Peter the Great (Mr W E Greenwood), Dutton 6 10 10
Aluminite (Mr Reginald Smith), J Harper 6 10 6
0 Newmarket (Lord Sefton), H Brown 6 10 1
Parcourt (Mr G H Jackson), Price 6 10 0
200 King's Warden (Mr W H Thorpe), J Harper 7 10 0

Betting Forecast.—9—4 Cactus II, 11—4 Duke of Burgundy, 9—2 Golden Dollar, 11—2 Flying Eagle, 8 Vitality, 10 Flaz, 100—8 Bloater, 100—6 others.

1937: Hill Song (Mr H Bell, 8, 12 2), 9—2. Lyde.

2.30—WEDNESDAY (S) HURDLE, £100. Two miles.

030 President Wilfred (Mr A M Ainslie), Ainslie, 10, 11 ....A Prendergast
Rebere (Mr J T G Burn), Burn, 8, 11 ....—
334 Le Sarrazin (Mr P V F Cazalet), H Whiteman, 6, 11 ....Ward
0 Escalais (Mr P V F Cazalet), H Whiteman, 6, 11 ....—
0 Colonel Gaunt (Mr E Davey), Davey, 7, 11 ....Seal
0 Royal Lantern (Mr P Fairhurst), A Blake, 6, 11 ....Mr Hayes
003 Man in the Moon (Mr T Hill), Hollowell, 8, 11 ....Hollowell
0 Fort Defiance (Capt J A Hornsby), Elwell, 7, 11 ....Morris
2 Donna Mia (Lady Muriel Liddell-Grainger), Wight, 5, 11 ....—
0 Ferrule (Mr J A C Lilley), Lilley, 11, 11 ....Mr Tweedie
001 Inglesant (Mr E Parker), E Parker, 10, 11 ....Wilson
203 Alvarado (Mr R K Poskitt), T Hall, 10, 11 ....E Brown
0 Vollino (Mr J V Rank), Evans, 6, 11 ....—
0 Icicle Joe (Mr L Ravencroft), Houghton, 9, 11 ....—
0 Cyrus (Mr A Stubbs), A Stubbs, 6, 11 ....M Prendergast
00 Royal Spa (Mr T Venn), Gubbins, 8, 11 ....—
0 Allensford (Mr G H Witham), Dutton, 5, 10 10 ....Owen
4 Campaspe (Mr G W Dixon), Easterby, 4, 10 ....Richardson
00 Imaginaillen (Mr W S Murphy), Drake, 4, 10 ....A F Thompson

Following Are Also Engaged:— yrs st lb
000 Hopping On (Mr W J Rimell), T Rimell 4 10 0
Ac Ac Ac (Mr T Shaw), Private 4 10 0
Bideford Bay (Mr A E Berry), P Armstrong 6 11 0
2 Proud Pall (Miss Gwen Carlow), Private 10 11 0
0 Pompelmoose (Mr O J Jackson), Lilley 8 11 0
00 Allanhead (Capt W M P Kincaid-Lennox), Lyde 6 11 0
Carlore (Mr A E Lowther), Murless 6 11 0
150 Tetrasnar (Mr R Renton), Renton 7 11 0
120 Barrage (Mrs R Taylor), Murless 9 11 0
000 Woodhouse (Mr A E Tucker), E Parker 7 11 0
Lace (Mr S Wharton), Roberts 5 10 10
0 Sleep (Mr A O Johnson), Easterby 5 10 10
030 Antigua (Mrs Nellie Roberts), Roberts 5 10 10

Betting Forecast.—3 Inglesant, 4 Alvarado, 9—2 Donna Mia, 6 Le Sarrazin, 8 Ferrule, Man in the Moon, 10 Cyrus, 100—8 President. Wilfred, Allensford, 100—6 others.

1937: No race of this title.

3.0—GERRARD H'CAP CHASE, £100. Three miles.

21 Inversible (Col W E Peel), Wight, 10, 12 7 ....Hogan
0 Lacatoi (Mr J V Rank), Evans, 10, 12 3 ....—
2 Over the Border (Sir E Hanmer), Rimell, 7, 11 12 ....Rimell
3 Mount Charles (Mr T Hall), T Hall, 10, 11 8 ....—
00 Briscoe (Mr Leo Partridge), F Furlong, 10 11 6 ....—
200 The Dubarry (Mr H H Rose), Rose, 8, 11 5 ....Mr Vaux
00 Nereps (Lord O P Scott), Private, 10, 11 4 ....Hanery
Cupid's Cottage (Sir Dick Blake), U T Blake, 10 11 ....—
000 Touiva II (Mr G W Brocklehurst), H Whiteman, 6, 10 9 ....Ward
002 Benefit (Sir David Llewellyn), R Bennett, 7, 10 7 ....Walwyn
000 Ballyfox (Condr N Whitehead), Dutton, 10 7 ....Archibald
001 Gold King (5lb ex) (Mr David Brown), D Brown, 11, 10 6 ....Mr Bayley
400 Fearless (Mrs M Wilson), Newton, 9, 10 5 ....—
004 Hownmow (Mr B Hadfield), Private, 10, 10 1 ....Wilson
102 Poor Chance (Major Bladon), Bladon, 11, 10 ....Walsh

Following Are Also Engaged:— yrs st lb
000 Perfect Part (Lord Acton), Dutton 8 12 5
Merry Abbot II (Mr J V Rank), Evans 8 12 0
002 Tapinois (Mr W Hutchinson), Rayson 10 11 6
014 Kilialoe (Mr G Kenyon), J Harper 8 11 4
240 Prince Brilliant (Mr H R Turner), Easterby 8 10 10
320 Jolly Junior (Mr A O Hutchison), Wight 10 10 7

Betting Forecast.—2 Over the Border, 4 Inversible, 11—2 Gold King, 7 Benefit, 8 Nereps, 10 Hownmow, 100—8 Mount Charles, Poor Chance, 100—6 others.

1937: Decorum (Mr Vaus, 9, 10 9), 8—1. Lyde.

3.30—ASHTON 'CHASE, £100. Two miles.

310 Niedergondershausen (Mr A M Ainslie), Ainslie, 9, 11 12 ....Rimell
34 Double Bay (Mr P J Arm), Arm, 10, 11 12 ....Scratchley
4 Gay Hattler (Mr R D Cherry-Downe), Blasdil, 8, 11 12 ....Scratchley
100 Castle View (Mr R Dyke Dennis), F Dennis, 11, 11 12 ....Owen
Nash (Mr C R Griffiths), Private, 7, 11 12 ....Mr Marsh
004 Holbeton Point (Lord Mildmay of Flete), H Whiteman, 7, 11 12 ....Mr Mildmay
430 Juba (Mr W D North), F Furlong, 9, 11 12 ....Mr North
002 Templeber (Col R W Tweedie), Wight, 10, 11 12 ....Mr Tweedie
010 Black Wood (Mr J T C Burn), Burn, 5, 11 7 ....Foley
100 Galway Bay (Mr D L Mills), E Johnson, 5, 11 ....Lay
000 Manbridge (Mr C B Charlres), R Bennett, 6, 11 5 ....Lay
or
0 Hatton Lass (Mr E Honour), R Bennett, 8, 11 5 ....Lay
00 Exile II (Mr S H Davies), Cockton, 8, 11 5 ....Fitzgerald
000 Round Drink (Mr F H Fox), Dutton, 7, 11 5 ....Edgeley
00 Ice-Age (Mr J V Rank), Evans, 8, 11 5 ....—
Whipsnade (Mr V H Smith), Elwell, 6, 11 5 ....—
0 Hatchetts (Mr A Alec-Smith), C Dixon, 5, 11 ....Guy
Ibrahim II (M Pierre Werthelmer), F Hartigan, 5, 11 ....Fawcus

Following Are Also Engaged:— yrs st lb
Wardley (Mr W H Thorpe), J Harper 6 12 3
0 Pompelmoose (Mr O J Jackson), Lilley 8 11 12
00 Samoht (Mr J H Mears), D Rogers 8 11 12
004 Shrewmouse (Mrs A E Phillips), Biscill 7 11 12
Golden Luck (Capt S A Watt), F Furlong 8 11 12
Pantharch (Mr E Aubrey-Wray), Private 7 11 5
00 Bernard's Mascot (Mrs R Marks), J Nightingall 6 11 5
00 Relais de Poste (Mr J Metcalfe), H Brown 6 11 5
04 Sprightly Archer (Mr A B Mildmay), J Hall 7 11 5
Gold Mirror (Mr J V Rank), Coulthwaite 6 11 0
Cymbidium (Lady Lindsay), Private 6 10 0

Betting Forecast.—9—4 Holbeton Point, 7—2 Double Bay, 4 Ibrahim, 9—2 Templebeg, 8 Gay Hattler, Niedergondershausen, 10 Galway Bay, Castle View, 100—8 Juba, 100—6 others.

1937: Russian Sentry (Owen, 7, 11 5), 3—1. E Johnson.

Clive Graham's Gossip

THEY REALLY DID BET IN THE OLD DAYS

BETTING has always been a fascinating subject for me, and the same applies to the vast majority of those who follow racing.

We may all be proud of the supremacy of the British thoroughbred, but we are all also mighty pleased to be able to get 2—1 about an even-money chance in a selling handicap.

I love reading about bets struck in the "good old days" when the young and not-so-young men about town thought nothing of risking their "Scottish estates" on the result of the Derby.

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The vain Marquis of Hastings, who died penniless and a defaulter to the tune of £40,000 at the age of twenty-six, has always been known as the most extravagant of the mad plungers.

He lost £103,000 over Hermit's Derby—and yet seemed to be the gayest of the gay party that drove to Richmond for dinner that evening.

He is reputed to have said to a friend a few days before his death: "Hermit's Derby broke me. But I didn't show it, did I?"

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And then there is the tale of that eccentric old Earl of Glasgow (whose great-grandson married fairly recently Sir Archibald Lyle's daughter). At Crockford's on the eve of the Derby one year, Lord George Bentinck wanted to take 3—1 about some horse's chance on the following day.

"Right," said Lord Glasgow, without batting an eyelid, "I'll lay you £90,000 to £30,000."

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THERE was also the Earl of Barrymore, who went through £300,000 in four years to die at the age of twenty-five; Colonel Mellish, reputed to have staked £40,000 on one throw of the dice; "Leviathan" Davis, the bookmaker, who lost more than £100,000 over Teddington's Derby in 1851; Mr. George Payne, who lost £33,000 over the 1824 St. Leger, when he was only twenty years old; and heaps of others.

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No one can afford to bet in such sums these days, although I had to gape at Epsom one day last year when a certain backer distributed £15,000 to the bookmakers in cash—payment of his losses of the previous afternoon.

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The greatest gamble that I have ever heard of was made by a widow living in the North of England. She had £2 in the world, and was threatened with eviction from her rooms owing to long arrears of rent.

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It was when Fair Copy was a two-year-old. He had not run in public, but I had heard of his great promise and I napped him rather confidently for his race at Ascot. The old widow rend my notes, and put the £2 on him. He won at 2—1 against.

She wrote me rather a pathetic letter of thanks. I was elated at the time, but now, whenever I look back on the occasion, it frightens me.

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THE best bet today should be Cactus II. (nap) in the Warrington Handicap Hurdle (2.0). He finished second to the useful Broken Reed at Kempton on Boxing Day and has obviously returned to form. Golden Dollar is penalised and Duke of Burgundy made no show in his only race this season.

Hawk-Eye (1.0) and Over the Border (3.0) are my other fancies. Hawk-Eye ran well at Hurst Park and would have been placed behind Tough Guy but for falling at the last hurdle.

Clive Graham.

West Ham Bid For Rifle Cup

Embankment Danger

THE old brigade of rifle club secretaries have advanced to contest the innocent statement made here last week that James Clarke (Haywards Heath) must hold the record for service.

First comes W. Clarke, honorary secretary of the Englefield Green R.C. since July 1906. That beats James Clarke's thirty years' record.

W. H. Bassingham, an S.M.R.C. Councillor, has "scribed" for Stoke Newington R.C. for more than thirty-one years, while Ernie Bailey, of Borough of Wandsworth, has practically grown up with the club—thirty-one years.

If any one wants to claim the record they had better be on the thirty-five years' mark.

The Embankment club are crowing. They have just beaten their old rivals Lensbury and Britannic House, in the quarter-finals of the Browne Martin Cup. Scores were 796—795. Embankment were only two points short of the record.

SEMI-FINAL DRAW

West Ham have two teams in the semi-finals. Lucky West Ham. Most clubs find difficulty in fielding one crack team of eight.

Other semi-finalists are Witam (L.C.C. Staff). They beat R.S.A. by a handsome margin. Semi-final draw is Embankment v. West Ham; Witam v. West Ham "A."

What odds an all West Ham final? Not so great. Embankment are an "inside" tip.

Imperial Chemical House have established themselves firmly at the head of the Women's League (Division I). They have won all four matches shot and have an aggregate lead of seventeen points.

Alexandra Palace lost their first match to Lyons in Division II.

Three teams are unbeaten in the Wales and Monmouth League—Swansea "A," Wrexham and Landore (Swansea).

European Skating Races For London

THE European amateur roller skating speed championships have been allocated to the British National Skating Association, and will be decided in London on April 16, 19, and 20.

These championships, which have never before been decided in Britain, will comprise races of from 500 to 20,000 metres. The last time they were held at Stuttgart in 1936, British skaters won five out of seven events.

Hare Loses Only One Game: Now In Last 8

P. E. HARE, brother of Charles Hare, is among the last eight of the boys' singles in the unofficial junior indoor championships at Dulwich.

He lost only one game in beating A. S. C. Bergl, and next opposes E. G. Curd for a place in the semi-finals.

J. D. Rogers, the Kent junior champion, showed brilliant form in defeating R. W. Drewett, and C. M. Mitchell, the only Lancashire challenger, survived after a stiff fight with H. J. Greenham.

G. L. Emmett, the junior champion, qualified to meet D. H. Watson for inclusion in the last four, and in the girls' singles Miss M. Harris (Northwick) again won without losing a game.

Details:—

Boys' Singles.—Second round: J D Rodgers bt R W Drewett (6—2, 7—5); W S Mathias bt F D Hicks (6—2, 4—6, 6—2); C M Mitchell bt H J Greenham (7—5, 6—2); D L P Hardwick bt F J Phillips (6—0, 6—1); A L Proctor bt O Cardwell (6—0, 3—6, 6—1); G L Paish bt A J Moulram (6—4, 6—2). Third round: E G Curd bt B Pembroe (7—5, 6—3); P E Hare bt A S O Bergl (6—1, 6—0); G L Emmett bt T R Ashby (6—3, 6—1); D H Watson bt W R Duke (8—6, 6—2).

Girls' Singles.—Second round: Miss J W K Stork bt Miss W F Moore (6—4, 6—4); Miss J Nicol bt Miss B E Clements (6—2, 6—1); Miss E M S Andrews bt Miss M Griffith (6—2, 6—4); Miss B A P Hall bt Miss D B Moseley (6—2, 6—3); Miss J B Rudd bt Miss D E Spranz (4—6, 6—4, 7—5). Third round: Miss J Physick bt Miss V S Duce (6—3, 6—1); Miss M Harris bt Miss N H Turgood (6—0, 6—0); Miss D J Fry bt Miss P M Hare (6—0, 6—1); Miss D M G Stokes bt Miss Rudd (6—3, 6—3); Miss P L MacCorkindale bt Miss B Wright (6—0, 6—1).

Cambridge Oarsmen Resume Work Today

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY will start their serious training for the Boat-race today. Oxford get back to work on Monday. The race is on April 2.

T. B. L. Langton, the Light Blues' president, says that two crews will practise on the Cam until March 9, after which they will move to the Thames. It is probable that two crews will go from Cambridge to Chiswick, and to Putney for the last two weeks.

10 AUSTRALIAN CERTAINTIES FOR ASHES BID

From WILLIAM POLLOCK

(By Air Mail from Adelaide.)

BY the time this reaches wintry London from sunny Australia we shall be within three weeks of knowing the names of the sixteen cricketers chosen to tour England this coming season.

It is good that sixteen, not fifteen, players are to make the trip, because accidents will happen in cricket as in the best regulated families, and I think I can now pretty safely name ten of those who are going to be on view for Australia. They are:—

D. G. Bradman (capt.), S. J. McCabe (vice-capt.), W. J. O'Reilly, W. A. Oldfield, C. W. Walker, L. Fleetwood-Smith, R. Gregory, E. McCormick, C. L. Badcock, C. V. Grimmett or F. A. Ward.

I am almost prepared to say that four more will be Chipperfield, Fingleton, Sievers and Jackson—but not quite. Ten shall be enough to go on with.

After all, Australia's three selectors—Bradman is one of them and the others are named Dwyer and Johnson (which won't mean much to most of you)—do not officially make up their minds till January 27.

Three—possibly four—of my first ten will be new to England. English crowds have seen the first six, although it may be forgotten that one of them, Walker, was with the 1930 team as second wicket-keeper.

He has now made a splendid come-back, and I should say it may be a toss-up between him and Bertie Oldfield for which keeps in the Tests. Yes, Walker is as good as that.

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Badcock A Smasher

ROSS GREGORY, Ernie "Mac" McCormick, and "Jackie" Badcock are as good as in the Orontes, which leaves with the side early in March. Each of them played against "Gubby" Allen's team in Tests here a year ago and made good.

Gregory, who looked so youthful that half the women who flocked to the matches at Adelaide and Melbourne wanted to mother him, had a batting average of 50.

Badcock is a smasher, who may quite likely be used as an opening bat with a view to getting quickly on top of the bowling. McCormick is nearly by himself in Australia as a genuine fast bowler.

My information is that, with O'Reilly and Fleetwood-Smith in the side, one other spinner will be considered sufficient, and the place definitely lies between Grimmett and Ward.

According to Wisden, Clarrie Grimmett was forty-six on Christmas Day, and an argument is that, at his time of life, a long tour might be too much for a bowler who has to use his fingers so much as he does.

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Grimmett v. Ward

CLARRIE is