

Newbury Mile May Not Stop Mirza II.

By THE SCOUT (Cyril Luckman)

LEICESTER, Thursday.

SUNSHINE is good for the backs of young horses, but not their legs, and several trainers will probably think twice before risking their three-year-olds in Newbury's Greenham Plate tomorrow.

Noel Cannon went down there today to examine the course, and Scottish Union seems more likely now to run. It was made clear to me earlier in the week that Carslake's new mount would probably not tackle exceptionally hard ground. A clash with Mirza II. could tell us much about the stamina of two high-class colts.

Mirza II. (H. Wragg) and Campion (Gdn. Richards) seem among the certainties, but W. Jarvis now reckons it wiser to keep the King's Air Flow for old Newmarket turf and run him in the Graven Stakes next week.

Kingclere's hope, Campion, would up with a good nursery win on the course. Fred Butters' Derby winner, Mid-day Sun, had not as good credentials this time last year as Campion. The stable won three races at the spring meeting last year.

Raising Hopes

I OPENED book for one of the maidens to look the cracks at 13.15, in the Greenham which has not gone to a Derby winner since the lapsed Minor scored in the royal colours. Noble King (1936) and Fairford last year raised classic hopes, and Fairford was the biggest disappointment (Cottrell) ever had. It might be too early for Vic Smyth's Mahalo and Mr. Barnett's Grano. Manton's Fairing may not be good enough yet, but naturally Olympus suggests possibilities for Boyd-Rochford—who also has Royal Oak—showed at Aintree that Silver Spear II. was forward enough to win. The Olympus snag, however, is that his brother, Perifox, hated hard ground.

Wait Or Dash?

HOW will Harry Wragg ride Mirza II.? Smirke tried both waiting and the usual electrifying dash when beaten respectively by Portmarnock (Doncaster) and Scottish Union (Newmarket) over six furlongs in "Mirza's" last two outings. The youngster had not all five races before that.

It seemed impossible that he could be caught in the Middle Park Stakes, but Scottish Union did it by a head up the final hill. Wragg likes waiting, but I don't think he'll try to "coerce" a colt with such amazing speed.

If both run I think he will last out the fast level Newbury mile and take his revenge on Scottish Union.

The freely engaged Blair as well as Mirza II. and Scottish Union and the dark Pash will be given the advantage of an eye-opener before they clash with the reappearing Portmarnock in the Two Thousand Guineas. Lewson would not, however, risk Ramtapa on hard ground. The King's Jubilee came early to hand last year, but might give the weight to another spring performer in The Shaver. Heppner, aptly Stewards in the seven furlong handicap. Stevedore won on the course last April and is fancied.

I reckon Waterbird will tread on early running last season—with George Here and Ipsden, who were the leading pair in the corresponding Cheveley Handicap last year. Maryfield gelding, now in a seller, led for a long way in the Brocklesby.

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Empire Fruit (H. Wragg)	Popper (H. Wragg)	Campion (H. Wragg)	Olympus (H. Wragg)	Song and Dance (H. Wragg)	Waterbird (H. Wragg)

Probables And Jockeys

Stewards: Mr. Staphleton-Eritherton, Mr. S. Scott, Mr. G. H. G. Lambton.

2.0—JUVENILE (S) PLATE, £200. Five furlongs. Wily Monk (Mr. W. Hutchinson), Rayson, 9. Cheers (Capt. D. Rogers), D. Rogers, 9. ...

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N.G.R.S. ADMIT THREE LONDON DOG TRACKS

By J. S. BRADFORD

MEETING in London yesterday of the National Greyhound Racing Society may have paved the way to the long-sought ideal of unified control of greyhound racing in Great Britain.

Representatives from all London and Provincial tracks racing under N.G.R.C. rules attended this meeting—with one exception. There was, I was informed by an official of the "Society," no representative of the G.R.A. present. They remained absent, presumably, so that other members of the society could discuss the G.R.A.'s plea for all "possible" tracks to be admitted to N.G.R.C. rules dispassionately.

At the close of the meeting, which lasted for three hours, an official statement announced that three "new" London tracks—Walthamstow, Romford and Wandsworth—should be admitted into the N.G.R.C. fold under certain conditions.

Applications from four other tracks were referred back to the general purposes committee for further consideration. This does not infer in any way that these tracks may not ultimately be "approved."

A host of technicalities have to be completed with before "approval" by the society and the club is given.

UNIFIED CONTROL AHEAD I HAD hoped that something like this would happen, but had hardly dared expect it.

Writing as an onlooker, it seems to me to be the thin edge of a desirable wedge, the prospect ultimately of unified control, and that control exercised by a strong, all-powerful club, the N.G.R.C., who will for the first time ever be in parallel with the Jockey Club in some way round.

END OF WILD WOOLLEY WILD WOOLLEY, one of the greatest racing greyhounds the world has known, died at the G.R.A. kennel at Northway yesterday.

His record, which included a first second and a third in three successive races, was a total of 67,000 in prize money, would be hard to beat.

Lincoln Probables THE seven Greyhound Lincoln stars at King's Head, Birmingham, today has attracted an entry of thirty-four dogs, and all are locals with a few who have been out of the country.

TONIGHT'S SELECTIONS WIMBORNE.—8.0, Banker Grey, 115. Lady Mourne, 8.0, Blacklion Grey, 115. Billie Blackrock, 8.0, Captain O'Neil, 8.0, Verity Belle.

Jottings From The Course BY OUR CORRESPONDENT LEICESTER, Thursday. THE thirty-six horses left in the Hampton Stakes will each be worth into the "supermarket pool," and we will see another day race well worth watching.

Only one of the probable runners has been out in public. This is the very nice looking youngster, who has just won the Bolle Stakes on Saturday. I fancy Bolle Stakes is going to give something out of the ordinary, so the form may be useful.

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Clive Graham's Gossip

SLIP IN RUNS LIKE "A DOG AT A FAIR," WINS LEICESTER, Thursday.

BACKERS had the better of matters here this afternoon, leading off with three favourites. Legatice colt, winner of the Workshop Plate, and Knight's Armour, who gave a fine performance in the Wigston Plate, were also soundly supported.

Slip In, winner of the Leicestershire Handicap, is owned by Mr. James Hanbury, an officer in the Scots Greys. Mr. Hanbury named the horse after the club of which he has long been an honorary member.

Walter Earl also has charge of Slip On, owned by Captain Montagu, and the names must be very confusing.

I am always glad to see Walter win a race, and having tested Slip In with Sir G. B. Stammers, he had a fancy for the horse's chance.

In the race Slip In was everywhere, "like a dog at a fair," as the Irish put it. He finished almost underneath Major Petch's nose, and the judge decided that he had beaten Knit-On by half a length.

Knit-On needs a longer distance. He will have no difficulty in staying a mile and a half. Bear him in mind when raced over that distance. Perversely showed speed, and was in front until the last furlong.

Speed From The Gate KNIGHT'S ARMOUR spreadeagled his side in the Wigston Plate. Mr. G. B. Stammers' chestnut flew out of the gate and set up a lead of five lengths before the other three realised that there was a race on.

Gordon, on the favourite Scamadee, found himself squeezed out at the start. He took six or seven lengths, and that was the end of his chances, as he was a disappointing sort, but she will doubtless confound us all one day.

Mr. Bernard Van Cutsem, Master of the Cambridge University Drag Hunt, bought the Leicestershire colt on his own judgment at the Newmarket July sales for 50 guineas after having enjoyed a profitable day's racing. He certainly chose well, for the colt ran his race out strongly to beat the sharp Falconry by two lengths in the Workshop Plate.

Slow Starter

VIC SMYTH hoped Liberty III. slip would run well. She is a daughter of the Neoplaton, and she has been slowly away and could never get on terms. Slipa colt was also out of the race at the start.

With conditions to suit him I expect Mirza II. to win the Greenham Plate. I have had a good run for the month to win the Berkshire Handicap (1.0.0).

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