Dazed Jockey Is Beaten By A Neck

By THE SCOUT *(Cyril Luckman)*

NEWBURY, Friday.

MIRZA II. won the "first round" of his three-year-old career, but the plucky rider of Olympus—only beaten a neck—had been badly thrown at the post.

Pat Beasley was practically "out on his feet" when he returned to weigh-in on Olympus. He was taken to hospital later.

It was only the Irishman's grit that made him carry on. When he got into the weighing room he asked what had won.

Beasley was examined by a doctor for he was still suffering from slight concussion.

Weston was substituted on Cottrill's winner Spadassin in the next race.

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Caught By The Tapes

I CONFIRMED with the starter that Olympus had ducked under the heavy "tapes," which caught Beasley in the chest and pulled him off.

He was on the ground when the ambulance arrived but got up. The starter's car took him down the course to remount.

Riderless Olympus had been caught by a stable lad, who mounted until the trainer reached the course and gave further instructions.

I do not think the colt's chance was affected, but it might have been different in the case of his dazed rider.

Olympus was becoming a better favourite than Mirza II. and Campion, but the incident led to the winner shortening from 9—4 to 7—4, and Olympus going out to 11—4.

I must now emphasise that Mirza II. did everything right for his clever pilot, and that Harry Wragg won very comfortably—although it was only a neck.

He gave 13lbs. over the Greenham Plate mile to a colt who was tremendously fancied to win his first race for Mr. Woodward.

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Going Too Hard

THE grey Royal Oak, from the Olympus stable, led and finished three more lengths away in front of Campion, who wanted a much stronger gallop.

Scottish Union was on the spot but not saddled. "He looks fine, but the ground is very hard, so he waits now for the Two Thousand," Mr. Rank's manager, Mr. Clayton, commented.

There were only seven runners today, and the time was slow for the top of the ground.

Mirza II. was waited with. Wragg switched him over to the left of the shouted leader, Olympus, inside the last furlong. When he drew level Olympus pulled out a bit and went away again, but I like the way Mirza II. refused to be denied and ran on so stoutly.

There was no suggestion of lacking stamina. He did his final work in convincing style.

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THERE will be the usual flood of arguments, but Mirza II could not possibly have done more today.

The Aga Khan is in the south of France, but Prince Aly Khan emphasised how pleased Wragg was with the colt's finishing effort when Olympus tried to draw away.

I noticed they raced nearer the far side of the course than usual. It is generally a handicap to be drawn there in mile races.

We saw another fine performance later when Ipsden came through near the post to win the sprint handicap with 9st. 7lbs. Favourite Waterbird ran very badly.

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Newbury Cup Hopes

JACK JARVIS has made a clean sweep of The Hour and other horses in tomorrow's Newbury Cup, and Dan Bulger will also be missing again owing to unsuitable going.

It will be neither to the liking of last year's winner, Remember II, nor probably to the French horse Le Ksar, who has done nothing in either country since he ran away with the first classic at Newmarket last spring.

Gunboat, Rasibus and Pike Barn would also be more appealing with different conditions.

Fairplay, who was only overhauled by a head here last April, an old rival in Laureat II., the Cambridgeshire winner Artist's Prince, and the Beckhampton Pascal may not be affected.

Ticca Gari is a prominent Lincoln survivor, and such as Tract and Carlisle marked progress last season, when Flag of Truce came early to hand.

Ali Pasha was galloped this week, but I prefer Alarm Bell and Streamstown, who seems to have done plenty of work.

It is a good handicap. I have an idea that Artist's Prince, a winner on the course, and Fairplay will be in the fighting line at the end of the mile.

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NEWBURY
4.30—ZEUS
Double:
Artist's Prince and Zeus
April 2, 1938. THE SCOUT.

TRAINING HINTS

NEWMARKET.—One of our most fancied runners for the Spring Cup is Fairplay, wires the Daily Express resident correspondent.

Alden's five-year-old, who was only just beaten in the corresponding race last year, is a recent trial winner, and will be suited by the present state of the going.

Le Ksar, though heavily weighted, can be depended upon to put up a big fight, and another that may have to be seriously reckoned with is Ali Pasha, who has been moving in nice style at exercise and is well handicapped on his juvenile form.

Pike Barn and Alarm Bell make no appeal but Streamstown is expected to go close, and I also hear a good account of Carlisle.

Fairplay each way should be the best from here.

Selections—2.0, Scotch Annie (nap). 3.0, Fairplay (each way). 3.30, Fille de Heros.

Double: Scotch Annie and Fille de Heros.

ROUND THE STABLES

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

2.0.—Gloria Blue f. (Lambourn) fancied.

2.30.—Take Time (Blewbury) well fancied. Who's She (Lambourn) go close.

3.0.—Flag of Truce (Manton) fancied. Pascal (Beckhampton) good each way. Ticca Gari (Michel Grove) each way. Laureat II. (Ogbourne) each way. Artist's Prince (each way). Gunboat (Foxhill) good win and place. Royal Salute (Sparaholt) should be placed. Bydand (Chilterne) each way.

3.30.—The Tweed (Stockbridge) should be prominent. Raya (Manton) fancied.

4.0.—Loelia (Beckhampton) fancied. Asmodeus (Aston Tirrold) each way. Vervelle f. (Lambourn) go close. Red Snapper (Stockbridge) fancied. Kilmaine (Epsom) each way.

4.30.—Coup de Roi (Whatcombe) fancied. Zeus (Manton) each way. Following Tadousac (Wroughton) each way. Prefortious (Chilterne) each way. Saxford (Ogbourne) each way.

Course Jottings

By OUR COURSE CORRESPONDENT

NEWBURY, Friday.

IF Flaring is saddled for the first race tomorrow she should give backers a good start to the day. There is a doubt, however, and in her absence either Scotch Annie or Raglan may win. My preference is for Raglan.

Hurdlers often show up well in the Newbury Sprint Cup. Three of tomorrow's probables have been kept going during the winter. Remember II., who won last year, Rasibus, my bogey horse, and Bydand.

Bydand, practically bottom weight, ran a capital public trial at Alexandra Park last Saturday. He had to come round on the outside of Boozer's Gloom (received 2lbs.) and Tap Dancer, so he did well to finish third.

The going is distinctly firm. Bydand's only success last year was on a very firm course: Alexandra Park was firm.

If Bydand is drawn among the high numbers I think he will win. We must take a chance on that point.

Selections: 2.0, Flaring (if absent Raglan). 2.30, Lisclioon. 3.0, *Bydand. 3.30, Vulpecular. 4.0, Silver Sylph c. 4.30, Irish Stew.

How Favourites Fare

The following table shows the result of backing first and second favourites on a level stake of £1, the best races for favourites, and the most successful trainers and jockeys for the last nine years on the second day of the Newbury Spring meeting.

Favourites.—Aggregate loss £12 7s 7d.

Second Favourites.—Aggregate loss £1 11s 8d.

Best Races for Favourites.—2.0 (2-Y.O. Plate), 5 winners; 4.0 (Manton Stakes), 4 winners.

Winning Trainers.—Gwilt 7, R Dawson 5

Winning Jockeys.—Gdn Richards 8, S Wragg 4, H Wragg 4.

BEATEN LAST TIME OUT.

2 n.—Spaipeen (Lincoln, Mar 1938, 5f).

2.30.—Aharis* (Birmingham, Nov 1937, 6f); Lisclioon (Manchester, Nov 1937, 1m); Social Error* (Kempton Park, Oct 1937, 7f); Fair Outlook (Baldoyle, May 1937, 1m 11 80yds).

3.0.—Flag of Truce* (Newmarket, Sept 1937, 1¼m); Noble King (Liverpool, Mar 1938, 1¼m 170yd); Gunboat (Newmarket, Sept 1937, 1m); Rasibus* (Manchester, Nov 1937, 1¼m); Ali Pasha* (Epsom, April 1937, 1m 110yd).

3.30.—Millard L'Arsouille (Le Tremblay, Oct 1937, 7f).

4.30.—Holme Chase (Warwick, Mar 1938 2m); Blue Train (Chepstow, Oct 1937, 2m)

*Joint favourites. †Odds on.

All the selections in this table are copyright.	NEWBURY				SAFETY BET. 4.30.—Zeus.	
	2.0. 5f.	2.30. 7f.	3.0. 1m.	3.30. 1m.	4.0. 5f.	4.30. 2m. 1f.
THE SCOUT	Paradian f (if ab Dock)	Who's She (if ab Killarney Boy)	Artist's Prince (n b.) (if ab Fairplay)	Malabar (if ab Solgo)	Loelia (if ab Cybele)	Zeus (nap) (if ab Pretorius)
WHAT THE BOOK SAYS	—	Take Time (nap)	Pascal	The Tweed		Zeus
TATTENHAM (S. Express)	Dock (if ab Gwilt's sel)	Lianarmon (if ab Social Error)	Pascal (nap) (if ab Convert)	Sly Abbess	Loelia	Fox Star

THE SCOUT'S TOTE DOUBLE.—Artist's Prince (alt Fairplay) and Loelia (alt Cybele).

Probables And Jockeys

Stewards: Maj Stapleton-Bretherton, Sir S Scott, Brig-Gen Hon C Lambton.

*Denotes apprentice.

TOTE DOUBLE: 3.0 and 4.0.

2.0—TWO-YEAR-OLD (S) PLATE. £200. Five furlongs.

Raglan (Mr G N Bennett), G Bennett, 9 ..... —
One Over One (Mr A M Broan), J Waugh, 9 ..... —
Faux Pas (Mr H M Hartigan), H Hartigan, 9 ..... —
Hit the Trail (Mr T Rayson), Rayson, 9 ..... Blackshaw
Dock (Mr C V Tabor), Tabor, 9 ..... S Wragg
Little Old Man (Mr C Todd), C Todd, 9 ..... D Smith
La Donna f (Sir D Broughton), Cottrill, 8 11 ..... Tabiner
Scotch Annie (Mr J H Gaskell), Gaskell, 8 11 ..... Crouch
Fargat (Mr G P Gillespie), Quirke, 8 11 ..... —
Paradian f (Mr E Gwilt), Gwilt, 8 11 ..... H Wragg
Ladytown f (Mr E Gwilt), Gwilt, 8 11 ..... Adey
Spionbelle f (Mrs H Hughes), Reed, 8 11 ..... Graves
Islam (Sir C Hyde), Scoble, 8 11 ..... Partridge
0 Deb Dance (Mr H Leader), N Leader, 8 11 ..... Lowrey
Gloria Blue f (Mr P B Stapleton Martin), Martin, 8 11 Blaker
1 Flaring (Miss R Murray), Pease, 8 11 ..... Butchers
Letty Lemond g (Mr W Nightingall), W Nightingall, 8 11 ..... Herbert
Mizmaze (Mr J Read), J Day, 8 11 ..... Smirke
0 Spaipeen (Mr V Smyth), V Smyth, 8 11 ..... Sirett
Sally Rose (Mr E T Thornton Smith), Templeman, 8 11 ..... —
Gdn Richards rides Sally Rose or Raglan.

Following Are Also Engaged:— st lb
Rumour (Sir M McAlpine), V Smyth 9 0
Misabot f (Mr J Beary), J Beary 8 11
4 Ring o' Roses g (Mr W H Ferguson), Templeman 8 11
Dark Abbess (Mrs Glorney), J Waugh 8 11
2 Scottish Fowl (Sir A McAlpine), Barthropp 8 11
C.F. (Mr F Pratt), F Pratt 8 11
White Seal (Mrs Vallance), Higgs 8 11

Betting Forecast.—11—4 Spaipeen, 9—2 Flaring, 11—2 Dock, 7 Sally Rose, 8 Deb Dance, 10 Scotch Annie, Paradian f, 100—8 La Donna f, 100—6 others.

1937: Bright Answer (Gdn Richards, 8st 11lbs), 4—6. Templeman.

2.30—WILTS (S) PLATE. £200. Seven furlongs.

220 Abaris (Mr A S Chapman), Laurence, 7, 9 4 ..... Griblin
050 Buckland (Mr H M Hartigan), H Hartigan, 7, 9 4 ..... —
240 Lisclioon (Mr G S Langlands), G Langlands, 6, 9 4 ..... —
030 Warrior Bold (Miss H Cooper), Ray, 5, 9 1 ..... Colven
032 The Blue Hay (Mr F Hartigan), F Hartigan, 8, 9 1 ..... Smirke
105 Social Error (Mr James Hayes) A Birch, 6, 9 1 ..... Sharples
2 Fair Outlook (Mrs M Holloway), C Langlands, 7, 9 1 ..... —
110 Hot Fight (Mr R Hulcy), G Todd, 8, 9 1 ..... —
220 Pressit (Mrs N Roberts), Roberts, 5, 9 1 ..... Joe Bullock
350 Killarney Boy (Miss D Paget), W Nightingall, 4, 9 Gdn Richards
020 Take Time (Mr G Whitelaw), S Donoghue, 4, 9 ..... H Wragg
0 La Mist en l'Aire (Mr S Donoghue), S Donoghue, 4, 8 11 Weston
Quelaine (Mr G Hulcich), Gilbert, 4, 8 11 ..... Robertson
000 St Ephesus (Mr F J Honourl), R Bennett, 4, 8 11 ..... E Smith
Le Meilleur (Mr H S Lester), V Hobbs, 4, 8 11 ..... —
02 Caffyns (Mr G Todd), G Todd, 4, 8 11 ..... Hawcroft
Gourmet (Mr D M Gant), W P Lowe, 3, 7 8 ..... Sirett
000 Farmer's Daughter (Mr W J Arrowsmith), Arrowsmith, 3, 7 5 ..... J Clarke*
Kilnaglory (Mrs P W Bell), P Bell, 3, 7 5 ..... D Smith
0 Sun Apple (Mr C P Hasey), W Nightingall, 3, 7 5 ..... Sprague
100 Who's She (Mr E Gwilt), Gwilt, 3, 7 5 ..... Nevett
Wily Nun (Mr W Hutchinson), Rayson, 3, 7 5 ..... —
000 Radway (Mrs E G Pease), Pease, 3, 7 5 ..... —
Butchers rides Lisclioon or Le Meilleur.

Following Are Also Engaged:— yrs st lb
000 Boston West (Mr John Corbett), Rayson 6 9 4
0 Inexpectable (Mr C P Hasey), W Nightingall 7 9 4
300 Straight Deal (Mr H B Leach), H Leach 5 9 4
110 Lianarmon (Sir A McAlpine), Barthropp 7 9 4
400 Hornet's Rise (Mr A F Rimell), F Rimell 7 9 4
000 Marathon (Mr C T Appleyhalte), Bisgood 8 9 1
000 Hollands (Mr L Boldero), J Beary 5 9 1
000 Vesistas (Mrs G Freake), Freake 8 9 1
001 Orontes (Mr D Hastings), D Hastings 6 9 1
300 Pashley (Mrs E J King), Nugent 6 9 1
0 Jack Stefan (Mr J J Millington), Kilpatrick 5 9 1
300 Gantry (Mrs B Savile), J Beary 6 9 1
02 Sweet and Lovely (Mr W Schward), C Pratt 8 9 1
430 Tease You (Mr C V Tabor), Tabor 5 9 1
340 Winnebar (Sir P Eley), Templeman 4 9 0
0 What-Not (Sir W Gilliott), H Lowe 4 8 11
300 Jewry (Mr A Cotton), Stratton 4 8 11
000 Elbiet (Mrs C Rich), W Nightingall 4 8 11
000 Fair Araby (Sir P Eley), Templeman 3 7 5
02 Lolita (Mr R A L Cohen), Powell 3 7 5

Betting Forecast.—7—2 Killarney Boy, 5 The Blue Boy, 6 Caffyns, 7 Hot Fight, 8 Take Time, Abaris, 10 La Mist En L'Aire, Lisclioon, 100—8 Social Error, Pressit, 100—7 Who's She, 100—6 others.

1937: Booser's Gloom (C Smirke, 6, 9 4), 100—7, G Langlands, dead-heated with Hot Fight (Crouch, 7, 8 1), 2—1 (fav), Todd.

3.0—NEWBURY SPRING CUP (H'cap Plate). £1,750. One mile.

100 Le Ksar (M E de St Alary), W Jarvis, 4, 9 6 ..... Crouch
122 Flag of Truce (Mr A R Cox), Lawson, 4, 9 ..... R A Jones
200 Fairplay (Mr R Middlemas), P Alden, 5, 8 12 ..... H Wragg
011 Pascal (Mr H E Morriss), W Darling, 4 8 8 ..... Gdn Richards
000 Ticca Gari (Duchess of Norfolk), Gilpin, 4, 8 7 ..... Marshall
200 Laureat II (Mrs Benson), M Hartigan, 6, 8 6 ..... C Richards
030 Pike Barn (Mr J P Hornung), B Jarvis, 5, 8 ..... Lowrey
011 Artist's Prince (Major R Glover), J Dines, 5, 7 13 ..... Beary
000 Remember II (Lord Portal), F S Butters, 5, 7 13 ..... Richardson
132 Carlisle (Brig-Gen C Lambton), Lambton, 4, 7 12 ..... Sprague
300 Streamstown (Major H Cayzer), Boyd-Rochfort, 4, 7 12 ..... Sirett
123 Gunboat (Mr F L Johnson), C Peck, 6, 7 12 ..... Maher
000 Tract (Lady Ruth), O Bell, 6, 7 11 ..... S Wragg
040 Rasibus (Sir W Bass), I Anthony, 5, 7 11 ..... Nevett
232 Ali Pasha (H.H. Aga Khan), Pk Butters, 4, 7 11 ..... B Smith
040 Alarm Bell (Mr V T Thompson), R W Colling, 4, 7 4 ..... Robertson
140 Royal Salute (Sir H Lyons), Sneyd, 6, 7 2 ..... G Wells*
005 Bydand (Mr R H Gordon), D Rogers, 5, 7 1 ..... Christie
402 Ji-Ji (Mr A Whalley), Whalley, 5, 6 12 ..... Gilbert*

Following Are Also Engaged:— yrs st lbs
030 Dan Bulger (Sir Abe Bailey), Cottrill 5 9 7
010 Cunrest (Mr H G Blagrave), Blagrave 5 8 0
020 Noble King (Sir A Butt), Pk Butters 5 7 13

Betting Forecast.—11—2 Artist's Prince, 9 Pascal, 8 Fairplay, 9 Flag of Truce, 10 Ali Pasha, Ticca Gari, 100—8 Remember II, Laureat II, Gunboat, 100—7 Le Ksar, Carlisle, Pike Barn, 100—6 others.

1937: Remember II (Robertson, 4, 7 2), 15—2, F S Butters.

3.30—SPRING MAIDEN PLATE (3.Y-O), £300. One mile.

0 Atticus (Capt G S Barnes), Gilbert, 9 ..... Robertson
Camoudage (Mr H G Blagrave), Blagrave, 9 ..... Gardner
0 Ship Ahoy (Sir A Butt), R Adams, 9 ..... H Smith
Balabar (Capt S Follett), R Dawson, 9 ..... Crouch
000 Coraggio (Frumentown c) (Mr P Franckel) Templeman, 9 ..... Richardson
Millard L'Arsouille (Mr Hilditch), Gilbert, 9 ..... Griblin
Sworn Flame (Mr P Johnson), C Peck, 9 ..... —
020 The Tweed (Col S R Kewley), Easterbee, 9 ..... Gomez
00 Corn Planter (Mr H R Lawrence), Gwilt, 9 ..... S Wragg
000 Happy Crossing (Mr E J Marshall), R Dawson, 9 ..... Bartlam
00 Phenippos (Mr Z G Michalinos), F Bullock, 9 ..... —
00 Herston (Miss D Paget), W Nightingall, 9 ..... —
00 Zandeyn (Lord Pender), Stedall, 9 ..... Beary
0 Flyon (Sir L Phillipps), J Jarvis, 9 ..... E Smith
00 Vulpecular (Lord Portsal), F S Butters, 9 ..... Gdn Richards
4 Muirfield (Lord Rosebery), J Jarvis, 9 ..... H Wragg
0 Sly Abbess (Sir A Bailey), Lawson, 8 11 ..... Weston
Gay Blone (Sir Warden Chilcott), H Lowe, 8 11 ..... —
00 The Steer (Mr J E Cottrell), Gilbert, 8 11 ..... Graves
00 Grosvenor Bridge (Mr J S Davies), D Rogers, 8 11 ..... Hamill
00 Venetian Maid (Mr P L Johnson), C Peck, 8 11 ..... —
00 Nightjar (Miss Keyser), J Davis, 8 11 ..... Packham
200 Lecco (Col R P Maclachlan), Pease, 8 11 ..... —
Solgo (Mr W Murray), Cottrill, 8 11 ..... Maher
000 Tilly Hill (Duchess of Newcastle) Candy, 8 11 ..... Lane
0 Raya (Sir V Sassoon), Lawson, 8 11 ..... R A Jones
Stickwell (Mrs A Thompson), G Langlands, 8 11 ..... —
000 Fille de Heros (Lt-Col P G Robinson), R J Colling, 8 11 ..... Evans
Heavenly Sinner (Mr R P Watson), M Hartigan, 8 11 ..... —
0 Knole Star (Mrs C V Wilkinson), W Nightingall, 8 11 ..... —
Batach (Belle Star I) (Capt A S Wills), P Bell, 8 11 ..... Vergette
0 Snowscape (Capt A S Wills), F S Butters, 8 11 ..... —
432 Iberian Star (Mr W C Wood), Hanley, 8 11 ..... —
Hawcroft rides Phenippos or Iberian Star.

Following Are Also Engaged:— st lbs
000 Silversill (Mr R J Bruton), Rintoul 9 0
0 Tappet (On with the Lance c) (Sir B A Dodd), Digby 9 0
40 Iron (Sir L Phillipps), J Jarvis 9 0
Laird of Perth (Lord Queenborough), Lambton 9 0
040 Well Dressed (Mr H G Blagrave), Blagrave 8 11
0 Solonaise (Sir W Burbidge), J Jarvis 8 11
000 Forget-me-Not (Mrs N Friese), H Leach 8 11
000 San Remo (the late Mr G W Hands), Saxby 8 11
0 Croix de Feu (Mrs Macdonald-Buchanan), P Darling 8 11
Perle d'Orient f (Mr P Sidebottom), Sidebottom 8 11
Varner (Mrs Washington Singer), Marsh 8 11
Mohalebbi (Mr S Vlasto), B-Rochford 8 11

Betting Forecast.—100—30 Flyon, 9—2 Muirfield, 11—2 Iberian Star, 7 Lecco, 8 Vulpecular, 10 Happy Crossing, Solgo, 100—8 The Steer, Millard L'Arsouille, 100—6 Others.

1937: Kind Kitty (C Richards, 8st 11lbs), 100—7. F S Butters.

4.0—MANTON STAKES (2-Y.O.), £200 added. Five furlongs.

Ascot Hat (Mrs F M Broomfield), Broomfield, 8 10 ..... —
Black Douglas (Mr A S Chapman), Laye, 8 10 ..... Griblin
Vectis Lady c (Sir P Eley), Templeman, 8 10 ..... Richardson
Olympiad (Sir C Hyde), Scobie, 8 10 ..... S Wragg
Magueda c (Mr J Mayer), H Hartigan, 8 10 ..... Gardner
Vindication c (Mr V P Miss), V Smyth, 8 10 ..... Sirett
Mike the Ganger (Mrs M Moloney), Moloney, 8 10 ..... D Jones
Rance (Mr E T Thornton Smith), Templeman, 8 10 ..... S Smith
Perella c (Major K Greville Williams), Macnee, 8 10 ..... F Lane
Silver Sylph c (Capt A S Wills), F S Butters, 8 10 ..... R A Jones
Fortress g (Mr P L Johnson), C Peck, 8 7 ..... Larkins
Flashlamp (Mr H G Blagrave), Blagrave, 8 7 ..... Gardner
Loelia (Lord Carnarvon), F Darling, 8 ..... Gdn Richards
Asuncion f (Miss H Cowley), Bisgood, 8 7 ..... Marshall
Vervelle f (Sir H Cunliffe-Owen), Bell, 8 7 ..... Gomez
Red Snapper (Mr H E Crum Ewing), Easterbee, 8 7 ..... —
Tiddles f (Lord Glanely), Hogg, 8 7 ..... —
Gela f (Mr H Lester), G Todd, 8 7 ..... —
Invisible (Mrs Macdonald-Buchanan), F Darling 8 7 ..... —
Miss Contrary f (Lady Nuffield), Cottrill, 8 7 ..... E Smith
0 Kilmaine (Killala Boy I) (Miss D Paget), W Nightingall, 8 7 ..... —
Sea-born (Lord Portsmal), P Beary, 8 7 ..... Beary
Cybele (Mr J V Rank), N Cannon, 8 7 ..... Herbert
Genesis (Sir V Sassoon), Donoghue, 8 7 ..... —
Appeasement (Mr E T Thornton-Smith), Templeman, 8 7 ..... —
Brakesart (Mrs E Foster), I Anthony, 8 7 ..... —
Mine Maiority f (Baron P de Turlil), P Hartigan, 8 7 ..... Smirke
Happy Day (Sir Melvill Wardl), Donoghue, 8 7 ..... Weston
Margaret Catchpole (Mr R F Watson), M Hartigan, 8 7 ..... —
Shepherd's Delight (Mr R F Watson), M Hartigan, 8 7 ..... C Richards
H Wragg rides Vervelle f or Tiddles f.

Following Are Also Engaged:— st lb
0 Perfect Knight (Mr N Hakim), Donoghue, 8 10
Ducal Plate f (Mr F H Bowcher), Bisgood, 8 7
Loansome (Mr W Murray), Cottrill, 8 7
Eagle's Roost f (Mr W F Stratton), Stratton, 8 7
Heir at Law (Mr E Strong), F Hartigan, 8 7

Betting Forecast.—5—2 Vervelle f, 7—2 Loelia, 11—2 Silver Sylph c, 8 Red Snapper, 10 Fortress c, 100—8 Miss Contrary f, Vindication c, 100—6 others.

1937: Stevedore (Gdn Richards, 8st 10lbs), 8—1, F Darling.

4.30—THATCHAM LONG-DISTANCE H'CAP PLATE, £500. Two miles one furlong.

000 Nightcap III (Mr M Pass), Private, 6, 9 5 ..... —
000 Coup de Roi (Sir P Loraine), R Dawson, 6, 8 10 ..... —
020 Zeus (Mrs C Beatty), Lawson, 5, 8 4 ..... Gdn Richards
031 Irish Stew (Miss R Jameson), Beeby, 6, 7 12 ..... Maher
002 Tadousac (Mrs A James), I Anthony, 4, 7 11 ..... S Wragg
102 Prefortius (Mr J A Hirst), D Rogers, 5, 7 8 ..... Sirett
000 Flower Dove (Mr J Metcalf), F Brown, 7, 7 8 ..... —
003 Holme Chase (Mr Leader), G Todd, 6, 7 8 ..... D Smith
350 Blue Train (Major A E Phillips), F S Butters, 5, 7 8 ..... —
020 Saxford (Mr G P X Hartigan), M Hartigan, 5, 7 5 C Richards
E Smith rides Coup de Roi or Blue Train.

Following Are Also Engaged:— yrs st lb
102 Corofin (Mr M McDonough), Ireland 6 8 7
000 Harrisburg (Mr E Moore), Roberts 4 8 4
000 Fox Star (Miss D Paget), W Nightingall 5 8 0

Betting Forecast.—9—4 Coup de Roi, 4 Zeus, 9—2 Holme Chase, 6 Prefortius, 8 Saxford, Blue Train, 10 Irish Stew, 100—8 others.

1937: Jack Tar (E Smith, 7, 8 9), 8—1. Cottrill.

BUTLER'S BADGE SHOULD PROVE BEST HURDLER

By J. S. BRADFORD

DOG racing gets into full stride next week, when all tracks in the London County Council area will stage three meetings a week.

Heats in the greyhound equivalent of the Two Thousand Guineas—the Wood Lane Stakes—will be run off at White City next Thursday, and will give a grand start to the classics season.

It is not often that a young dog still two years old is entered for the Wood Lane. This race is primarily a test for the best, and the early entries, such as Lone Keel, Golden Alexander, Junior Classic, and Top of the Carlow Road indicate how high top class is likely to be this year.

Youth is, more often than not, irresistible though, and Mr. MacDonald's nineteen-month-old puppy Glen Ranger, a product of Greta Ranee's famous litter by old Mick, has thrown out a challenge to his better-known rivals and is booked as a certain runner.

Only recently his owner refused an offer of £750 for the pup. That was a genuine offer, one quite likely to be increased, but it met with a firm refusal.

It is one, too, that bears favourable comparison with the four figured prices now being asked for Irish dogs and one which suggests that the policy of breeding at home here in England is going strongly.

Incidentally I hear that Ireland's 1938 "greatest ever"—Top Speed by name—is still in the market, and that at least one English owner is still angling for him. Top Speed is, I am sure, a worthy catch. The bait to hook him, though, is going to be something like £1,500.

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OLD JUMPING RIVALS

CLAPTON run two first round heats of their National Open Hurdles this evening, and White City have an open jumping event which should be won by Lenin's Ring from his old rival Craigie Melody. These dogs must be getting to know each other pretty well these days. They are always racing together.

The Clapton heats bring two useful Reading hurdlers in Orchance and Kiss Print to London, but neither should be able to beat Busy Now and Bay Moon, both of whom hail from Wimbledon. Both are expected to win their races.

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WHITE CITY FANCIES

WHITE CITY'S card is, in addition to the open race, most intriguing. Maiden's Appeal in the first race could win good races if he did not go wide, but I shall chance his ralling better tonight.

Melksham Nutcracker has run well—if unluckily for us—already this year, and on this top of the ground going should be able just to stay out the last 725 yards race. Morden Twyford, in the next race, was badly bumped and baulked in his last outing and goes as the nap.

Stamford Bridge have a graded card with the exception of a Northaw Kennel Hurdles. I expect the White City-trained Butler's Badge to win this race from his track companion McGrath From Clare but the best bet of the Shepherd's Bush track should be Metrical Romance, who has twice run into trouble when looking like winning recently.

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NEW CROSS RECORD

NEW CROSS had a record attendance when the home-trained Tweed last won their open event last Thursday. I can visualise some of the winnings being laid out on Coping this evening, who on his earlier form this season has a great chance.

Mullinary Prince is a clever jumper and should win at Catford, where Limerick Captain, who was knocked over in his last race, may score in the opening event.

TONIGHT'S SELECTIONS

WHITE CITY.—8.0, Maiden's Appeal. 8.18, Granada Rascal. 8.36, Melksham Nutcracker. 8.54, Morden Twyford (nap). 9.12, Billy Nelson. 9.30, Lenin's Ring. 9.48, Wild Heather. 10.6, Lover's Leap.

CATFORD.—8.15, Limerick Captain. 8.31, Little Audrey. 8.47, Joint and Veg. 9.3, Mullinary Prince (nap). 9.19, Sandfield Monarch. 9.36, Dee Mary. 9.53, Kind Smile. 10.11, Golden Staff.

CLAPTON.—8.0, Mandrive. 8.20, Grouseless Rumour. 8.40, Busy Now. 9.0, Keep. 9.20, Sweet Bragg. 9.40, Bay Moon. 10.0, Bob Gath (nap). 10.20, Reinham Rebuke.

NEW CROSS.—8.0, Angel. 8.18, Tom King. 8.36, Watch Case. 8.54, Trout Fly. 9.12, Fontainbleau. 9.30, Quintin Banker. 9.48, Coping (nap). 10.6, Stanbridge Smoke.

SOUTHEND.—8.0, Berman. 8.15, Egyptian Star. 8.30, Lucky Mascot. 8.45, Searchlight (nap). 9.0, Howling Rupert. 9.15, Geordie McNab. 9.30, Topnotcher. 9.45, Pilgrim Winnie.

STAMFORD BRIDGE.—6.30, Racing Yonnie. 6.45, Future Favourite. 7.0, Don Willow. 7.15, Butler's Badge. 7.30, Elliott Hour. 7.45, Metrical Romance (nap). 8.0, Hylton Rambler. 8.15, Ronson Lighter.

HOLDEN HOPES TO SET UP RECORD

J. T. HOLDEN, the English champion, hopes to set up a cross-country record today, when he runs for England in the international championship at Belfast. He has represented England every year since 1929, and shares with Jean Bouin the distinction of three successive wins in the international event.

He is in grand form, and has an excellent chance of being first home for the fourth time. J. A. Burns and J. H. Potts, who have also taken outstanding parts in England's long run of success, will again be running.

France, six times winners, and the only other country to secure the title, are again expected to be England's chief rivals.

Wales are fielding a strong team and the other countries competing are Scotland, Eire, Northern Ireland and Belgium.

France include four of the men who helped them to gain second place at Brussels last year, their most noted runner being Roger Rerolle, who has taken part in eight international events.

W. A. Matthews, the Welsh champion, and H. Gallivan, a former title holder who has represented his country each year since 1931, will assist Wales.

Scotland will include J. C. Flockhart—first home at Brussels last year—J. E. Farrell, the Scottish champion, and R. R. Sutherland, the Birchfield Harrier.

F. Cummins, the Irish A.A.U. champion, and D. G. Edgar, the Civil Service champion, will run for Eire. Each country will have nine runners, the first six of whom will score.

SURREY LINE-UP v ESSEX

Surrey Soccer eleven to play Essex in the Southern Counties amateur semi-final at Colchester next Wednesday (5.30 p.m.): G. L. Lindsey (Kingstonians); C. B. Neale (Merrow), W. A. Shepherd (Sutton U); C. Murray (Dulwich), C. J. Whittaker (Kingston), W. H. Lawrence (Woking); A. W. Abbott (Kingston), R. S. Anderson (Dulwich H), A. C. Griffith (Tooting and M), S. Eastham (Kingston), H. J. Bull (Dulwich). Reserve: A. F. Griffiths (Sutton U).

Clive Graham's Gossip

IPSDEN SPRINTS HOME WITH ALL HIS OLD SPEED

NEWBURY, Friday.

IPSDEN showed conclusively in the Chieveley Handicap this afternoon that he has lost none of his brilliant speed. He defied 9st. 7lbs. and a bad draw to win in ready style by a neck.

Captain Bell turned him out in Ascot condition, and the firm going was all in his favour.

Waterbird never looked likely to be a danger, and Wyndham is probably better over six furlongs.

Newbury is usually held to be a graveyard for backers' hopes. The only surprise today was the win of Nadine in the Berkshire Handicap.

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I went down the course to watch the Greenham Plate. The start was hidden from us, but an outburst of excited voices from the stand warned us that something unexpected had happened. Olympus came into sight cantering riderless from the mile post. A few seconds later his trainer emerged at a fast trot from the members' enclosure.

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Unknown to us, Rufus Beasley had been thrown to the ground heavily, and had taken the fall on the side of his head.

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THE race was a triumph for Harry Wragg. He let Mirza II. job along on a long rein, and even when an opening presented itself two furlongs from home he still elected to wait behind Olympus. He challenged on the "wrong" side in the last furlong.

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Afterwards Rufus hardly knew that he had ridden in the race. The doctor pronounced him unfit to ride Spadassin in the Beckhampton Stakes.

Tommy Weston was thus able to make good use of a lucky mount. Spadassin came away in the last 100 yards to win cleverly.

Mr. Brian Reynolds, one of Mr. J. V. Rank's three red-haired aides-de-camp, claimed Unlimited out of a selling race at Haydock in February for £150. The horse's former owner, Mr. M. Lawson, put in some determined bids to get the horse back after he had won Mr. Reynolds his first flat race in the Compton Selling handicap. His wish was granted—at 310 guineas.

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The best bet tomorrow may be Orontes (2.30). I fancy Streamstown and Pascal most for the Newbury Cup (3.0). Freemason Lodge horses have struck form and Streamstown has a bright chance. I fancy Coup de Roi (4.30).

Horses For Courses

NEWBURY.

2.30.—Hot Fight (Apl 1937), 9.1, 7f, J Crouch; Tease You (Oct 1935), 8.0, 5f, S Donoghue.

3.0.—Artist's Prince (June 1937), 8.4, 7f, M Beary; Noble King (Apl 1936), 8.5, 1m, R Perryman; Remember II (Apl 1937), 7.2, 1m, K Robertson; Royal Salute (Oct 1934), 8.8, 5f, E Smith; Tract (Sept 1936), 7.2, 7f, A. Burns.

4.30.—Coup de Roi (Sept 1936), 7.10, 2m 1f, E Smith; Pretorius (Oct 1937), 11.4, 1m 5f, J Dennistoun; Saxford (Sept 1937), 10.7, 2m 1f, C Harvey.

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(5/- unit. Stake not included.)

NEWBURY.

2.0.—Empire Pearl win 26-10, place 4-10; Empire Fruit place 8-10. Farida place 16-10.

2.30.—Unlimited win 50-10, place 11-10; Flying Mascot place 15-10. Bawfinch place 26-10.

3.0.—Mirza II win 19-10, place 11-10; Olympus place 8-10; Forcemat 97-10.

3.30.—Spadassin win 55-10, place 16-10; Ill Place 24-10. Silver Tissue place 62-10.

4.0.—Nadine win 281-10, place 75-10; Slip On place 14-10, Uncouth place 15-10.

4.30.—Ipsden win 52-10, place 8-10; Monmouth place 22-10. Lovely Woman place 13-10.

Newbury Cup ante-post prices sent out yesterday will be revised owing to late scratchings.

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