Expert Views On A Derby 'Backer's Book'

By THE SCOUT *(Cyril Luckman)*

PUNTERS are always interested when a suggestion is made that they can try to beat the bookmaker on the layer's own lines.

I refer to a "backers' book" on an important ante-post betting race like the Derby.

Every probable must be supported, so that whatever horse is successful there should be an attempt to make the winner pay more than the outlay on all losers already backed—whether or not they have run.

The general idea is for a far-seeing punter to get on likely "dark" Derby horses at long prices, and also back fancied colts on juvenile prestige at the best odds.

It is not easy. The question arises whether support should be given before reputations are made, enhanced, or damaged in the first classic race for the Two Thousand Guineas or other preliminary tests.

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Long Odds—And Others

COVERING has naturally to be made on the day of the Derby, when there are often long odds to be secured about outsiders.

It may be that a "panic" price must be taken about a favourite not already backed, but that is all in the perspective of a discerning backer, who has averaged up well beforehand against the majority of the shorter-priced horses at the actual "off."

A professional who makes a "backer's book" every year on the Derby and shows a profit most seasons, tells me that the only shorter-priced candidate he has so far supported this season is Mirza II.

He got on at 100 to 8 before the Greenham win at Newbury.

"I don't think Mirza II. really stays," he said, "but we're promised a particularly dry early summer. Moreover, you cannot ignore the fact that Harry Wragg took a big retainer for the Aga Khan's 'second string' when he could have had the mount on Scottish Union.

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Doubtful Stayers

"I AM not at all sure that any of the winter fancies will stay a mile and a half at Epsom," he continued. "I know that I will have to take a shorter price about Portmarnock, or any of Boyd-Rochfort's Derby hopes, if there is a big line from the Two Thousand Guineas.

"Then, of course, Frank Butters may produce a Tahir who is already superior to 'Mirzy' in the first classic—but I am taking that chance also.

"No doubt we'll see one of the fast lot—apart from Mirza—show up in the 2,000, but I've got into my head that the leading youngsters were, more or less, a crop of doubtful stayers, and that the Derby winner-to-be is probably a stayer who has not yet caught my eye in public."

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Gordon's Mount?

THESE are his expressed views—not mine. I also got from him that he had already jumped in over Fred Darling's Pasch—due to make a first appearance at Kempton on Saturday—and also Lord Astor's Pound Foolish at 33 to 1. That is well over twice present odds in the case of Pasch.

"I may be altogether wrong," concluded my informant, "but Richards will probably ride one of them at Epsom. Gordon—like Lord Astor—will surely have a Derby winner one day."

We have to live and learn, but there is any amount of excitement about a "backer's book."

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GAMES checked Shalfleet's Doncaster prowess yesterday, when Lotus Eater and Carnival Boy also shaped well. I was not so prepared for Russell's sand-trained Boro Boudour after the failures of Wells's mount last season and this, but the pace set by another apprentice on Bingham seemed to upset the heavier weights.

Paul Beg showed such speed when my Lincoln Handicap long shot that I think he will give the weight to Joe's Brother in the Scurry Handicap today.

Frawn is a "housetops" tip for the Chesterfield Handicap, which has cut up badly.

I made a special note of The Jigger at Newmarket and I hope he has not a Dhoti to tackle this time.

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DONCASTER
4.0—THE JIGGER
Double:
Frawn and The Jigger
April 14, 1938. THE SCOUT.

THE SCOUT'S WINNERS
at Doncaster yesterday were:—
BLACK CLOAK - 6—1
HEVUSINA - - 5—2

Training Hints

NEWMARKET.—Frawn has been specially saved for the Chesterfield Plate at Doncaster, writes the Daily Express racing correspondent, and if Darling's colt reproduces the form shown in recent gallops he should have an easy task.

Hoplite has done well since joining Dawson Waugh's stable, but Tapageur, who has had a race this season, may be the chief danger to my selection.

Babs filly, who has not enjoyed the best of luck so far this season, should settle the opposition in the Fitzwilliam Stakes, and Baggit may be good enough to carry W. Griggs successfully in the Milton Apprentice Plate.

Selections: 2.0, Denston; 3.0, Crown Mint (each way); 3.30, Frawn (nap); 4.0, Babs f; 4.30, Baggit.

Double.—Frawn and Babs f.

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

2.0.—Gay Gorse (Doncaster) fancied. Rungo (Middleham) go close. Ambassador Boy (Malton) fancied. Mr. Drapa (Wantage) worth support. Royal Comet (Epsom) each way.

2.30.—Paul Beg (Malton) fancied. Joe's Brother (Weyhill) go close.

3.0.—French Marten c (Doncaster) fancied.

4.0.—French Kiss c (Doncaster) fancied.

4.30.—Fernlehurst (Malton) well fancied. Liscloon (Epsom) will be prominent.

Jumping Prospects

FIRM going is likely to cause a revision of plans for National Hunt racing over the week-end.

The stewards of the N.H. Committee have instructed clerks of the course that the decision to abandon meetings scheduled to take place on Easter Monday may be made on Saturday instead of Sunday if circumstances, such as hard going, warrant such a course.

An early announcement will benefit trainers and the race-going public.

The Household Brigade bona fide military meeting at Hawthorn Hill scheduled for today has been abandoned.

The local stewards at Cardiff, where the Welsh Grand National is to be run, state that the course will be fit for racing.

Plumpton, with a one-day meeting on Saturday, is to be inspected tomorrow.

Prospects for Chepstow on Saturday are good, and racing at Carlisle, Manchester, Southwell Market Rasen and Wetherby seems certain.

The Easter Monday meeting at Wincanton may be abandoned, but a definite decision will be made at mid-day on Sunday.

DONCASTER DETAILS

GOING FIRM.

2.0—LONDESBOROUGH (S) HIGH-WEIGHT H'CAP. Value £192. Six furlongs.
Hevusina, ch m by Heversweed—Argosine, Mr F Hartigan, 8, 8 6 (The Scout's sel) Gdn Richards 1
Paddington, Mr H Crawford, 9, 8 9 J Taylor 2
Dark Normand, Mr P Nunneley, 5, 8 K Gethin 3
Also: Highminded (F Braithwaite), Politesse (W Stephenson), Milreis (E Smith), Sedgwick (Cliff Richards), Seven ran.
S.P.—Hevusina, 7—4. Paddington, 5—2. Hevusina, 11—2 Milreis, 6 Sedgwick, Politesse, 100—8. Dark Normand, 20 Highminded. Tote.—Win, 9s 5d; places, 3s 5d, 2s 8d, 8s 10d. Three lengths; two. Politesse fourth. F Hartigan, Weyhill. Winner bought in for 65 gns. Time: 1min 14 3-5secs.

2.30—PORTLAND WELTER H'CAP. Value £211. One mile three furlongs.
Boro Boudour, b c by Blandford—Captain's Fancy, Mr F Hardy, 4, 7 7 H Sprague 1
Bingham, J M Boucaut, 5, 7 2 H Sprague 2
Milton Abbas, Mrs D Poller, 4, 8 Cliff Richards 3
Also: Madeira Knight (R Perryman), Ballyhardup (Gdn Doyle), Royal Avenue (Gdn Richards), Six ran.
S.P.—11—10 Madeira Knight, 100—30 Bingham, Royal Avenue, 8 Milton Abbas, 10 Boro Boudour, 100—6 Ballyhardup. Tote: Win, 52s 5d; places, 7s 9d, 5s.
Four lengths; same. Royal Avenue fourth. Russell, Mablethorpe. Time, 2min 20 3-5secs.

3.0—ZETLAND PLATE (2-Y.O.). Value £162. Five furlongs.
Cheer Boys Cheer, br f by Concerto—Hurrah Peggy, Mr G T Brooke, 8 9 P Gorst 1
Empire Pearl, Mrs J Pulman, 9 2 (The Scout's sel) Gdn Richards 2
Crow's Nest, Mr T H Menzies, 8 9 J Sirett 3
Also: Jack Dulger (S Wragg), Solace c Glenn (Dovel), Lone Friar (A Richardson), Crack In Kent (R Wimbush), Turnish (J Caldwell), Kittywink (W Nevett), Live Wire (G Littlefield), Shellfl (W Nevett), Croftel (W Stephenson), Spark (R Fawdon), Brettony (F Braithwaite), Hexatrone (T Brown), Fourteen ran.
S.P.—11—10 Empire Pearl, 4 Cheer Boys Cheer, 9—2 Crow's Nest, 8 K Hitwink, 100—7 Croftel, 1 Brettony, 20 others. Tote: Win, 7s 11d; places 2s 1d, 2s 4d, 5s.
Neck; three. Brettony fourth. Persse, Stockbridge. Time 1min 2secs.

3.30—DONCASTER H'CAP. Value £419. Five furlongs.
Gamex, b g by Spiramonde—Olympia, Mr G N Marsden, 6, 7 5 T Robertson 1
Shalfleet, Major J B Walker, 7, 9 5 R Perryman 2
Lotus Easter, M Pierre Wertheimer, 7, 8 8 G Wells 3
Also: Bold Ben (H Wragg), Carnival Boy (J Simpson), Monmouth (A Richardson), Kingship (W Christie), Harmachis (P Evans) Mino (D Nicoll), Nine ran.
S.P.—4 Carnival Boy, 3 Monmouth, 4 Games, 7 Lotus Eater, 8 Shalfleet, 9 Bold Ben, 100—7 others. Tote.—Win 20s 7d; places, 5s 4d, 3s 4d, 5s 1d.
Length; half. Carnival Boy fourth. Storie, Beverley. Time 59 2-5secs.

4.0—MUNICIPAL (S) PLATE (High-weight H'cap). Value £143. One mile.
Black Cloak, ch g by Black Abbot—Yunnan (The Scout's sel) Mr G W Dixon, 5, 7 12 W Christie 1
Mesara, Mr R K Perkett, 4, 8 10 J Steven 2
Penance, Mr W Seaward, 4, 7 11 H Wood 3
Also: Flying Trapeze (W Stephenson), Denticheur (Gdn Richards), The Sweet's Queen (L Brown), Black Bill (D Smith), Artist's Luck (R Robertson), True Lock (G Wells) Nine ran.
S.P.—9—4 Penance, 7—2 Flying Trapeze, 6 Denticheur, Black Bill, Black Cloak, 100—8 True Lock, 100—6 others. Tote.—Win 14s 3d; places 3s 9d, 7s 6d, 2s 8d.
Two lengths; same. Flying Trapeze fourth. Easterby, Malton. Winner sold to Mr J B Driver for 180 gns. Time 1min 41 1-5secs.

4.30—HOPEFUL STAKES (2-Y.O.). Value £280. Five furlongs.
Black Douglas, br c by Black Watch—Temerity, Mr A S Chapman, 12 Gdn Richards 1
Happy Time, Mr R S Clark, 8 9 J Taylor 2
Molly Bawn f, Major L B Holliday, 8 9 W Nevett 3
Also: Shell Mex (H Southey), Miss Pomm (J Caldwell). Five ran.
S.P.—1—5 Black Douglas, 100—7 Molly Bawn f, Happy Time, Miss Pomm, 33 Shell Mex. Tote.—Win 2s 7d; places 2s 2d, 5s 10d.
Four lengths; same. Miss Pomm fourth. Lave, Marlborough. Time 58secs.

5.0—STOCKIL MAIDEN PLATE. Value £113. One mile two furlongs.
Flamer, ch c by Flamingo—Pretty Maid, Mr H Crawford, 9, 7 7 P Evans 1
Love's Legend, Capt P G A Harvey, 6, 7 4 G Wells 2
Penora, Col F J Lundgren, 5, 7 4 W Christie 3
Also: White Cuffs (J Caldwell), Arthingworth (S Wragg), Jemadar (P Moore), John Peel (John Doyle), Ornamental (Cliff Richards), Follow Me Leader (R Lacey). Nine ran.
S.P.—13—8 Follow Me Leader, 7—4 Love's Legend, 10 Flamer, Arthingworth, 100—8 Ornamental, 100—7 White Cuffs, 20 others. Tote: Win, 33s 1d; places, 8s 8d, 4s 2d, 25s 4d.
Length and half; half. Follow Me Leader fourth. H Peacock, Richmond. Time, 2min 15secs.

TOTE DOUBLE.—Cheer Boys Cheer and Black Cloak. dividend £16 13s. TOTE INVESTORS, LTD., Betting Standard substituted horses, Empire Pearl and Flying Trapeze.

SERVICES PARI-MUTUEL

(5/- unit. Stake not included.)
DONCASTER.

2.0.—Hevusina win 50-10 place 10-10; Paddington place 5-10.
2.30.—Boro Boudour win 161-10, place 31-10. Bingham place 14-10.
3.0.—Cheer Boys Cheer win 33-10 place 7-10; Empire Pear. place 2-10. Crow's Nest place 9-10; Forrest 53-10.
3.30.—Gamex win 85-10, place 11-10. Shalfleet place 30-10. Lotus Eater place 24-10.
4.0.—Black Cloak win 71-10, place 11-10; Mesara place 24-10; Penance place 4-10.
4.30.—Black Douglas win 9-10.
5.0.—Flamer win 51-10 place 41-10; Love's Legend place 8-10; Penora place 58-10.

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 corresponding Doncaster meeting.

Favourites.—Aggregate loss £5 9s 11d

Second Favourites.—Aggregate profit 11s 8d.

Best Races for Favourites.—2.0 (Corporation S H'cap), 5 winners, 4.0 (Pitwilliam Stakes), 5 winners.

Winning Trainers.—M Vasey 5, Elsey 5.

Winning Jockeys.—T Lowrey 4, H Wragg 3, P Beasley 3, T Weston 3, Gdn Richards 3.

BEATEN LAST TIME OUT.

2.0.—Gay Gorse (Liverpool, Nov 1937, 5f); Shell Burst (Leicester, March 1938, 5f); Laichford Lass (Liverpool, Nov 1937, 5f); Royal Comet (Brighton, Sept 1937, 5f 66yds).

2.30.—Nibs (Manchester, Nov 1937, 6f).

3.30.—Hoplite (Sandown, Oct 1936, 2m); Daylight (Newmarket, April 1938, 1¼m).

4.0.—Nightcap c (Warwick, March 1938, 5f).

4.30.—Orichalque (Leicester, March 1938, 1¼m); Liscloon (Newbury, April 1938, 7f).

* Jt-favourite.

Horses For Courses

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2.0.—Rungo (Sept 1936), 6-12 5f, J Smith. Nothing Daunted (Sept 1937), 8-7 5f, W Nevett. (Sept 1932), 7-5 5f, B Rose. Sky Pioneer (Sept 1935), 7-4 5f, E Smith.

2.30.—Paul Beg (June 1937), 9-4 5f, B Gunn.

4.30.—Boro (June 1936), 8-7 1m, J Reeves; Some Shot (April 1936), 7-7 7f, W Christie. (Sept 1932), 7-7 7f, Dowdall; York Lahiranga (Aug 1936), 8-5 1m, A Rose.

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SAFETY BET. 4.0 The Jigger.

	2.0 5f.	2.30 6f.	3.0 5f.	3.30 1m. 6f. 132yds.	4.0 5f.	4.30 1m.
THE SCOUT	Shell Burst (if ab Bango)	Paul Beg (if ab Joe's Brother)	Dingaan's Day	Frawn (n.b)	The Jigger (nap)	amy (if ab Orichalque)
WHAT THE BOOK SAYS	Ambassador Boy	Joe's Brother (nap)	—	Hussar	—	—
TATTENHAM (S. Express)	Denston (if ab Nothing Daunted)	Paul Beg (if ab Grey Monarch)	Credence	Frawn (nap) (if ab Hoplite)	Portobello (if ab Lambton's sel)	Yorkshireman (if ab Orichalque)

THE SCOUT'S TOTE DOUBLE.—Dingaan's Day and The Jigger.

Probables And Jockeys

Stewards: Col Raitt, Lieut-Col Kirby, Major Foster.

TOTE DOUBLE: 3.0 and 4.0.

*Denotes apprentice.

2.0—CORPORATION (S) HIGH-WEIGHT H'CAP PLATE. £200. Five furlongs.
004 Rungo (Capt J Fielden), O Armstrong, 4, 8 9 H Wragg
000 Mountain Ash (Mr J E Davis), J E Davis, 6, 8 7 G Richards
110 Gay Gorse (Mrs D Poller), M Vasey, 3, 8 6 Stephenson
310 Sky Pioneer (Mr G Micklethwait), Smallwood, 5, 8 6 E Smith
300 Canard (Mr R P Botterill), Botterill, 4, 8 5 Lowrey
300 Denston (Major J B Walker), R Leader, 4, 8 4 T Weston
040 Squandered (Mr G T Johnson Houghton), Houghton, 4, 7 12 E Smith
200 Miss Betty (Miss M Lakin), Mitchell, 4, 7 12 G Wells
430 Ambassador Boy (Miss M Thorpe), Binnie, 4, 7 Gdn Richards
040 Shell Burst (Baron F de Tuyll), F Hartigan, 3, 7 8 Gdn Richards
002 Laichford Lass (Mr G N Marsden), Storie, 3, 7 1 Lacey*
009 Mr Drapa (Mr R N Maglin), Freake, 5, 7 1 —
000 Jolly Pilot (Mr H J Bruelon), Hudson, 4, 7 Gilbert
000 Royal Comet (Mr G S Langlands), G Langlands, 4, 7 Gilbert

Following Are Also Engaged:— yrs st lb
103 Nothing Daunted (Mr J Hamer), Carr 7 9 5
340 The Tailer (Mr J Hall), Storie 5 8 1
000 Old Times (Mr R W Armstrong), G Armstrong 4 7 8
000 Louvain (Mr P G Taunt), J E Davis 4 7 1
000 Wise Abbot (Mr A Bates), L Braime 4 7 0
020 Brother Officer (Mr W C Earl), Earl 4 7 0
000 Bayonette (Mr H Sidebottom), Sidebottom 4 7 0

Betting Forecast.—11—4 Bango, 7—2 Shell Burst, 5 Gay Gorse, 7 Laichford Lass, 8 Ambassador Boy, 10 Squandered, 100—8 Sky Pioneer, Denston, 100—6 others.

1937: Politesse (Gdn Richards, 4, 8 7), 7—4 (fav). F Hartigan.

2.30—SCURRY H'CAP PLATE. £200. Six furlongs.
000 Paul Beg (Col T C Dunlop), Easterby, 5, 9 2 J Taylor
200 Mystery Man (Mr J Rose), Cowie, 5, 8 12 Nevett
310 Royal Crusade (Mr L Brook), E Parker, 7, 8 11 G Jacques*
000 Seneschalstown (Mr G W Dixon), Easterby, 4, 8 G Jacques*
430 Mascolette (Mr J Ashworth), O Armstrong, 5, 7 13 Carr
005 Joe's Brother (Baron F de Tuyll), F Hartigan, 4, 7 10 Gdn Richards
210 Gong (Sir C Hyde), Scoble, 6, 7 5 D Gunn*
000 Yale Star (Mr D Macaulay), Staunton, 5, 7 4 —
000 Torlanie (Miss L A Lincoln), Kettlewell, 6, 7 —

Following Are Also Engaged:— yrs st lbs
020 Grey Monarch (Mr J Hart), C Pratt 6 8 12
000 Dangan (Miss H Cowley), Williams 5 8 5
000 Cocus (Mr A E McKinlay), H Peacock 4 7 11
000 King Alfred (Mr O J Jackson), Russell 4 7 7
000 My Birthday (Mr Reginald Smith), Storie 4 7 5
330 Nibs (Mr M J Peacock), M Peacock 4 7 5

Betting Forecast.—9—4 Joe's Brother, 4 Paul Beg, 6 Gong, Mascolette, 8 Mystery Man, Royal Crusade, 10 Seneschalstown, 100—8 others.

1937: Silver Bow (E Smith, 6, 7 13), 11—2. Elsey.

3.0—DON (S) PLATE (2-Y.O.). £150. Five furlongs.
Little Traitress c (Mr E Davey), E Davey, 8 9 H Gunn
Kalamoor (Mr H Hemus), Reader, 8 9 Wimbush*
Pallyglide (Mr S Morris), P Vasey, 8 9 Braithwaite
Glanalle c (Lord Milton), Stanton, 8 9 Stephenson
0 Shellube (Mr H Sidebottom), Sidebottom, 8 9 Wragg
0 French Marten c (Mr W C Earl), Earl, 8 9 H Wragg
Dingaan's Day (Mr G R Armstrong), G Armstrong, 8 6 H Wragg
Credence (Major A Boscawen), P Hartigan, 8 5 Gdn Richards
Spearfish f (Mrs S J Goodman), J Hall, 8 6 J Doyle
Moor Park (Mr H Hemus), Reader, 8 6 L Brown
Zoo (Sir C Hyde), Scoble, 8 6 —
Daphne f (Mr J Lowry), Smallwood, 8 6 Lowrey
00 Wash Out f (Mrs H Leader), R Leader, 8 6 Taylor
Colly Wobbles g (Mr E C Sykes), Reader, 8 6 Christie
4 Crown Mint (Mr W Wastell), G Sadler, 8 6 —
4 Sea Chanty (Mr T West), Lyall, 8 6 —

Following Are Also Engaged:— st lb
00 Glanusk (Mrs C F Elsey), Elsey 8 9
Last of the Exiles g (Mr G B Barling), Barling 8 6
Elsa Lass g (Mr A S Channon), Laurence 8 6
02 Take a Dose (Mr T H Gaskell), Gaskell 8 6
0 Life (Mr R Kenyon), Laurence 8 6
Chrysophis f (Mr G Lambton), G Lambton 8 6
32 Madame Spearmint f (Sir Alexander Maguire), Houghton 8 6
0 Evening Rose f (Mr O Tordoff), Hammett 8 6

Betting Forecast.—5—2 Crown Mint, 3 Credence, 9—2 Dingaan's Day, 11—2 Wash Out f, 7 Colly Wobbles g, 10 Daphne f, Pallyglide, 100—8 others.

1937: Woodwynd (Lowrey, 8st 6lbs), 11—4 (fav). Laurence.

3.30—CHESTERFIELD PLATE (H'cap). £500. One mile six furlongs 132 yards.
Hoplite (Mr J U Baillie), D Waugh, 7, 9 Blackshaw
310 Frawn (Mr J Westoll), Barling, 4, 8 5 E Smith
200 Tapageur (Mr H Blundell), Whitaker, 5, 8 Middleton
143 Hussar (Mr E M Blackburne), Russell, 10, 7 4 Wells*

Following Are Also Engaged:— yrs st lb
010 Mormond Hill (Major R T Barclay), Lambton 4 8 7
00 Stands Off (Mr G Digby), Digby 4 8 4
000 Incentator (Lord Ellesmere), Leader 4 8 3
350 Daylight (Lord Derby), Jewitt 4 7 8
004 Mim (Mr C R Taylor), Jewitt 4 7 8

Betting Forecast.—11—10 Frawn, 3 Hoplite, 9—2 Tapageur, 8 Hussar.

1937: Astyanax (Donoghue, 6, 8 2), 5—1. Lambton.

4.0—FITZWILLIAM STAKES (2-Y.O.). £150 added. Five furlongs.
Gold Mine (Mrs Cantrell-Hubberstey), G Armstrong, 8 12 Carr
3 Love Limite c (Mr E Davey), E Davey, 8 12 S Wragg
0 French Kiss c (Mr J T Downing), M Vasey, 8 12 J Doyle
0 English Archer (Mrs Hymans), T Hall, 8 12 Carslake
0 The Jigger (Major D McCalmont), Lambton, 8 12 Braithwaite
Contretemps c (Mr W H Thorpe), M Peacock, 8 12 Nevett
Sunne's Bride c (Mr J Buckley), H Ingham, 8 9 Winbush
Flying Friend (Mr A Buckley), H Ingham, 8 9 L Brown
Miramar g (Mr A Buckley), H Peacock, 8 9 F Brooks
St Ley (Mr A S McKinlay), H Peacock, 8 9 C Richards
Redesdale f (Mr W C Birkinshaw), M Vasey, 8 9 Dunn
Peaceful Light (Mr E Davey), E Davey, 8 9 Lowrey
03 Babs f (Lady Durham), H Leader, 8 9 W Bullock
Deanna (Capt G P Eley), Elsey, 8 9 Crouch
0 Dame Prudent (Mr J G Gaskell), Gaskell, 8 9 —
Royal Pointe g (Mr W Hudson), Hammett, 8 9 Reeves
Hansard g (Lord Milton), Easterby, 8 9 —

Following Are Also Engaged:— st lb
1 Portobello (M) P Dunne, 8 9 Colling 9 2
1 Lavinia May (Mr L Corbett) Kirk 9 12
20 Nightcap c (Mr G E Cooke), Laye 8 12
Chalet (Mr A Donn), V Smyth 8 12
Musque Robin (Lord Durham), Lambton 8 12
00 V.N. (Capt C P Elsey), Elsey 8 12
Bowell (Duke of Portland), Lambton 8 12
Hecuba c (Mr J Sharp), Walters 8 12
0 Belesgurr (Mr E T Thornton-Smith), Templeman 8 9
Medlikalon (Lord Derby), C Leader 8 9
Amy IV. (Lady Furness), Persse 8 9
Indian Call (Lord Glanely), Hogg 8 9
0 Shirin (H.H. Aga Khan), PK Butters 8 9
0 Border King (Mr A de Rothschild), T E Leader 8 9
Talent (Mr G R Sadler), G Sadler 8 9
0 Gleneilan f (Mr V Smyth), V Smyth 8 9

Betting Forecast.—2 Love Philtre c, 7—2 Babs f, 4 The Jigger, 8 Sunne's Bride c, 8 Deanna, 10 Dame Prudent, 100—8, Redesdale f, 100—6 others.

1937: Kingship (Nevett, 8st 12lbs), 7—2. M Peacock.

4.30—MILTON (Apprentice) PLATE. £150. One mile.
315 Fernlehurst (Mr J J Barr), Easterby, 5, 8 3 Jacques*
102 Orichalque (Lord Dufferin and Ava), Beatty, 5, 7 13 T Clarke*
403 Liscloon (Mr G S Langlands), G Langlands, 6, 7 6 —
Cider Prince (Mr Bacon), Reader, 9, 7 5 —
200 Labour Member (Mr G P Oxtoby), Oxtoby, 7, 7 5 Burns*
Smy (M M Boussac), S Donoghue, 5, 7 10 Smyth
Desperation (Mr E D Stern), Reader, 6, 6 10 D Gunn*
010 Suez (Sir C Hyde), Scoble, 5, 6 7 Fustian*
00 Lovely Night (Mr H Smyth), H Smyth, 4, 6 6 Griggs
400 Baggit (Mrs A James), C Leader, 5, 6 —

Following Are Also Engaged:— yrs st lb
113 Capelgill (Mr G W Dixon), Easterby 5 8 3
310 Yorkshireman (Mr J L Dugdale), M Peacock 9 8 3
001 Brentwood (Mr C Brown), Davey 7 7 10
100 Bone (Mr I Adlestone), Cowie 4 7 6
011 Thirteen (Sir C Hyde), Scoble 4 7 5
200 Carpet Knight (Mr F E Peck), D Dick 8 7 3
0 Some Shot (Mr M Vasey), M Vasey 4 6 9
Nigapor (Lord Glanely), Hogg 4 6 6
Maple (Capt J N Carson), Manby 4 6 6
030 Bobby Dazzler (Mr J S Colton-Fox), G Armstrong 4 6 6
000 Clell (Mr G R Digby), Digby 4 6 6
Gurkha (Mr H Leader), Hailey 4 6 6
000 Windsor Green (Lady Lochore), Hardwicke 4 6 6
Star Selection (Mr A Metcalfe), A Metcalfe 4 6 6
400 Kuan Yin (Mr H E Morriss), Kirk 4 6 6
00 Arthingworth (Mrs Duncan), Potter, M Vasey 3 6 3
000 Eclipsed (Capt W G Dugdale), Dutton 3 6 3

Betting Forecast.—6—4 Baggit, 3 Smy, 7—2 Orichalque, 11—2 Liscloon, 8 Labour Member, 10 others.

1937: Astral Plane (Sprague, 4, 7 4), 10—1. Cramsie

Clive Graham's Gossip

THEY BETTED ON THE OBJECTION THAT WASN'T

DONCASTER, Wednesday.

SHALFLEET, at the age of seven, showed that he is still a power in the sprinting world when second under 9st. 5lbs. in the Doncaster Handicap Stakes here today.

He finished a length behind Games, giving away exactly 2st.

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There was a humorous sequel to the Portland Welter Handicap. It looked from the stands as if the winner, Boro Boudour, had bumped second Bingham a furlong from home.

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Teddy Lambton was here to supervise for his absent father, and half the crowd in Tattersall's followed him as he went to watch Bingham return.

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Teddy looked serious, so did jockey Sprague. "They're going to object," ran the rumour—and there was a scurry back to Tattersall's, where the bookmakers were betting on the "objection."

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£600 to £400 was offered against the winner keeping the race—in vain. All the "heads" were tumbling over each other to lay the odds on Bingham.

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Imagine the surprise when the flag was hoisted—the blue "weighed in" instead of the anticipated red "objection." Dear me! There was a rumpus.

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RUFUS BEASLEY does not resume riding until Saturday, and his absence is enabling young Gomez to establish himself. He rode a really good race on Cheer Boys Cheer to beat Gordon Richards by a neck in the Zetland Plate.

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And Gordon is riding better than ever. I admired his restraint immensely in this race. He never touched Empire Pearl with the whip until he absolutely had to use it.

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Easterby saddled first and second in the Municipal Selling Plate—Black Cloak and Megara. Black Cloak forged ahead in the last hundred yards to win.

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Gordon donned a new set of Mr Ali Chapman's colours for the Hopeful Stakes. Black Douglas ran greenly, but he is very fast, and the odds were never in doubt.

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How to go racing. I walked out of my flat at 11.15 this morning, was at Heston by midday and landed on the adjoining airport here at ten minutes past one. Lovely!

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The best bet tomorrow should be Frawn (3.30). In the absence of Portobello, Babs filly will be all the rage for the Fitzwilliam Stakes (4.0), but I shall risk a trifle each way on The Jigger.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHING

All engagements this year, including the Guineas, Derby and St. Leger—Market by 6 p.m. Tuesday

What The Book Says

JOE'S BROTHER won once in six attempts last season, over six furlongs at Chester. He was third to The Stinger (save 6lbs.) and Eddy (save 11lb.) at Lincoln last month. is expected to win the Scurry Handicap at Doncaster (2.30).

Acceptances

GREAT METROPOLITAN H'CAP
Run at Epsom, April 19. Two miles two furlongs.

	st	lb		st	lb
Trevisani	5	9	Harrisbors	4	7 8
Celebate	4	8	Bantone	4	7 7
Dharampur	4	8	Daylight	7	7 7
Corolla	6	8	Vitement	5	7 7
Bozambo	5	8	Hot Water	6	7 7
Bultol	5	7 13	Officers' Mess	4	7 7
Irish Stew (5lb ext)	6	7 13	Morning Dew	4	7 0
Holne Chase	4	7 9	Scotch Woodcock	5	6 8

CHESTER CUP (HANDICAP)
Run May 4. Two miles two furlongs seventy-seven yards

	st	lb		st	lb
Carlino	5	9 2	Le Chicaneur	4	8 2
Trevisani	5	9 1	Dharampur	4	8 1
Punch	5	8 15	Cibous-Cento	4	8 0
Severino	5	8 11	Corolla	6	8 0
Horsewood	5	8 10	Mormond Hill	4	7 13
Manse Tout	4	8 9	Mermeros	5	7 12
Epigram	4	8 9	Owers	4	7 11
Bendex	6	8 9	Bullet	5	7 9
Huxley	4	8 6	Asterion	4	7 8
Irish Guard II	4	8 6	Hands Off	7	7 7
Tolman	4	8 5	Mr Grumpy	4	7 7
Paltes Vos Jens	7	8 5	Ontario II	6	7 4
Flaxley Tom	5	8 4	Daylight	7	7 2
Nadushka	4	8 3	Holne Chase	7	7 2
			Muscovado	7	7 2

IRISH GRAND NATIONAL

Following are the probable starters for the Irish Grand National, which is to be run at Fairyhouse on Monday:—

Ponitz (M G V Malcomson or J Parkinson), Clare County (J J Brogan), Cahin Sieu (Mr P Fleur Tum) Dream (J Fitzgerald) The Boy in Blue (Mr P Vaust), My Branch (F Dempsey), Owen Mor (P J Murphy), Heights of Alma (M Regan), Golden Miler (Mr Ali Chapman), (F McKeever), Battleforth (P Evans), Slickit (M Prendergast), Swindon Lad (D Coulson), Merry Abbot is a doubtful runner.

A. Richardson has been engaged to ride Esquemeling in the City and Suburban. The five-year-old has 7st. 7lbs to carry in the City.

LONDON COMBINATION

	P	W	D	L	For	Agst	Pts
Arsenal	41	25	13	3	107	39	63
Portsmouth	39	21	11	7	77	37	53
Manchester City	41	21	8	12	90	77	50
West Ham Utd	41	19	9	13	89	63	47
Watford	40	20	7	13	78	82	47
Chelsea	41	17	13	11	82	67	45
Queen's Park R.	39	18	9	12	76	65	45
Millwall	40	20	3	17	84	71	43
Fulham	40	16	10	14	60	65	42
Tottenham	38	13	11	14	72	70	37
Charlton Ath	39	17	4	18	68	67	38
Southend Utd	39	15	8	16	75	74	38
Brentford	39	13	11	15	57	70	37
Bristol (C)	41	14	9	18	56	72	37
Luton Town	39	15	8	16	72	71	38
Leicester C	39	13	8	18	67	72	34
Crystal Pal	39	13	8	18	71	92	34
Clapton O	37	14	5	18	56	67	33
Northampton	40	12	9	19	69	86	33
Swansea	40	11	9	20	53	71	31
Reading	40	12	7	21	63	90	31
Brighton	40	10	11	19	65	106	31
Southampton	39	12	6	21	70	78	30
Bournemouth	39	11	8	20	55	85	30

COURSE JOTTINGS

By OUR COURSE CORRESPONDENT

DONCASTER, Wednesday.

IS it long odds against Weyhill trainer F. Hartigan getting "three out of three" tomorrow?

In the first race he has Shell Burst, who was heavily backed at Leicester, started favourite, whipped round at the start, and finished nowhere. Confidence was probably caused by her prominent running behind Gangstress at Lincoln.

In the second race Hartigan has Joe's Brother. Not prominent last season, but his third to The Stinger and Eddy on the opening day at Lincoln makes it look as if he has improved during the winter.

Credence, a gelding by Beresford—Credenda, is a "dark" youngster in the third race. I understand he is well forward, and shall take a chance on these three in mixed doubles.

Selections:—2.0, *Shell Burst, 2.30, Joe's Brother, 3.0, Credence, 3.30, Frawn, 4.30, Baggit.

DONCASTER
SIR HARRY'S SELECTIONS
2.0, Sky Pioneer. 2.30, Paul Beg. 3.0, Dingaan's Day. 3.30, Tapageur (nap). 4.0, Babs f. 4.30, Capelgill.

London Parks L.T.A. Final Pairings

LONDON Parks and Clubs L.T.A. hard-court singles and doubles championships will be played at Queen's Club, West Kensington, on Saturday, April 23, beginning at 2 p.m.

Singles.—W A Ruston (Walthamstow Ave. L.T.C.) v J Lyons (Rusby L.T.C., Wanstead); Mrs J N Hailey (Drive L.T.C., Edgware) v Mrs N J Mors (G.L.C.C., East Ham).

Doubles.—C J Lakin and P C Warring (Roslin Manor T.C., Camberwell) v R Hughes and F Fairmaner (Lammas Pk., Ealing); Misses J Lowry and K Lawdham (Priory Pk., Hornsey) v Misses P Sampson and D Carr (West Wickham L.T.C.); C Blackburn and Miss D Goddard (Hillingdon L.T.C., Harrow) v J Lyons and Miss V Bishop (Rusby L.T.C., Wanstead).

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