

ASCOT OPENS WITH DOUBLES FOR TWO OWNERS

By BOUVERIE

NOBODY enjoyed Ascot's first day better than Tommy Weston. And why not, when, after upsetting Sandsprite by a dashing bit of jockeyship, he won the Stakes with an even better effort on Valerian.

At one time I thought that Valerian would get into a hopeless place when on the far bend he was hemmed in on the rails with at least half a dozen horses in front of him.



T. Weston.

Calidore, Parsi, Paites Vos Jeux, Cornered, Thoth, and Rondo all showed up well at varying stages, but I never saw Fairlead with a chance.

Cold Scent's defeat of Sandsprite was a typical Ascot start, though I must say I was not surprised to see the Derby second beaten. The Epsom form is going to get us into more tangles, I fear, before the season is out.

Cold Scent's victory made Merry Mathew look a better thing than ever for the King Edward VII stakes to-day, but unfortunately he bruised a foot after arriving from Middleham and is not sure to run.

Like Sir Abe Bailey and Weston, the Aga Khan and his jockey, Smirke, also had two winners—one of them the hottest favourite likely to run at the meeting and the other an outsider.

Mumtaz Mahal's record win was never in danger for the good reason that Mirza II just lobbed along in front once he had taken a clear lead.

No Danger

A furlong out Smirke looked round to see what had become of the others. Satisfied there was no danger he allowed Mirza II to win in his own time, so that Onslaught was able to cut the margin down to three lengths.

Fearless Fox was an easy winner of the Gold Vase—such an easy winner indeed that Jack Jarvis has decided to attempt the great Jack-Gold Cup double he brought off with Golden Myth in 1922.

Goya II decisively turned the Derby tables on Le Grand Duc over a mile and he would probably have still done so at any longer distance.

Cash Book ran as if he had not recovered from his Epsom effort and Fairford—running in blinkers—again dropped quickly out of the lead.

FAIREY MAY MAKE IT A REALLY ROYAL HUNT CUP



J. Crouch.

ONE of the biggest turf gambles of the year is the Royal Hunt Cup. It looks a bigger lucky dip than ever to-day with more than thirty runners, and quite half of them "big tips."

Lancashire and Yorkshire have two of the favourites in Sally Andrews and Commander III. Sally has been backed to win more money than any other horse in the race so far. But the big betting only begins when the draw is known.

A new set of rails on the far side will give jockeys drawn in the high numbers a truer line than they have hitherto enjoyed, but in choosing Fairey I must say I hope to find that Crouch has drawn a place on the stand side.

A winner on the course, the King's horse will be running over an ideal distance, and on his best form he is quite nicely treated.

Pegasus is another Newmarket horse I am told is sure to run well, and other tips include Gunboat, Lovely Rosa, Fairplay and Laureat II—inseparable on their last form—Squadron Castle and Midstream.

On his best form Squadron Castle is perhaps the best handicapped horse in the race, and I am told he has not been so well for a long time as he is at present.

But short of a dead-heat there can only be one winner, and in any case only three "placed." As I have said I hope to see Fairey No. 1. Cordilleras is the best long shot.

The royal colours are also pretty sure to figure prominently on Jubilee in the Chesham Stakes, but there is just a doubt in my mind whether the course will suit him as well as it should Lohengrin.

BOUVERIE.

FROM THE STABLES

NEWMARKET, Tuesday.

Half of our ten runners for the Royal Hunt Cup are very well fancied. Since they ran at Hurst Park Fairplay and Laureat II could not have given more satisfaction, and there is nothing to choose between them.

Fairey had not reached his best form when running in the Jubilee. He has pleased in recent gallops. He had good form to his name last season.

Holyhood, Starflyer, Cordilleras and Bold Encounter will be in the field, but I am taking Midstream to win.

HEATHMAN.

FROM OTHER QUARTERS

Lambourn.—Columelle (1.30, each way), Magnet (1.30) and Lovely Rosa (2.30) are fancied.

Epsom.—Fancied runners at Ascot are: Artist's Prince (2.30, good each way), What a Lad (3.0, each way), Diplomat (4.30) and Law Court (5.0, each way).

Manton.—Plaster Cast (1.30) and Penicuk (4.0) should go close.

Beckhampton.—Couvert (2.30), Morning Breeze (3.30) and Reverderie (4.0) should finish in the first three.

Ogbourne.—Swiss Cottage (4.30) should be placed.

Racing Selections by Our Experts

Table with columns for ASCOT, 1.30, 2.30, 3.0, 3.30, 4.0, 4.30, 5.0 and rows for BOUVERIE, Place horses, HEATHMAN (Newmarket).

Bouverie's Double.—Lohengrin and Foray.

PROBABLES AND JOCKEYS FOR ASCOT

Table listing race details, horse names, jockeys, and odds for various races including 1.30-Churchill Stakes, 2.30-Royal Hunt Cup, and 3.0-Chesham Stakes.

LAST NIGHT'S PRICES

Table listing horse names and their prices from the previous night's racing.

PAGE BOY'S SYSTEM HORSE

A ready winner of his last two races at Kempton and Epsom. WATERBIRD is a proposition to follow in the Fern Hill Stakes to-day. Stake 1 point. PAGE BOY.

Table listing race details, horse names, jockeys, and odds for various races including 5.0-Bessborough Stakes and 3.30-King Edward VII Stakes.

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