Friday, April 1, 1938

PAGE BOY'S SYSTEM HORSE There was plenty of merit in the display of RASPBERRY when second to Lord Bug at Lincoln. She should win the Juvenile Selling Plate at Newbury to-day. Stake one point.

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NEWBURY CARD

NEWBURY CARD 2.0-JUVENILE SELLING PLATE, £200; 51. WILY MONK (RAYSON), 9-0. Hamili MATADOR (E. Figgot), 9-0. Hamili MATADOR (E. Figgot), 9-0. NIPPY JOYCE (Buck), 8-11. BERESCIA (W. Jarris), 8-11. FEARNAN F (Laye), 8-11. RASEDERNY (MCVILLE), 8-11. Harbard, R. Dawson), 8-11. EAST ACT F (Gwild), 8-11. Herbert MISTLEFOI G (Higgs), 8-11. HAYDERY (MCVILLE), 8-11. MISTLEFOI G (Higgs), WITH a new flat less than a fortnight old, it may seem a bit early to be discussing Derby possibilities in earnest; yet the search for the winner really does begin today. Four of the best

two-year-olds of last season are engaged in the Greenham Stakes at Newbury. The Aga Khan's fiyer—Mirza II— is a certain starter. Mr.

panion to Mirza II and Ramtapa, Manton's

Sweet Ceylonese Betting Forecast.—3 agst Lady Abbess c, 4 If; 11-2 Rustle f and Caledonian (or Hobson's Cholce), 8 Spadassin and Dabbs, 10 Minden Girl c (or Vetch c), 100-8 Agathea and Sallor's Delight, 100-6 others. 4.0—BERKSHIRE HANDICAP (3-Y-O), £500; 71. Torotch

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BOUVERIE Takes an

racing season

J. V. Rank's Scottish

Union, who beat him

ready so early in the season.

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Portmarnock year-old champion last year and present favourite for the Derby.

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in such dramatic circumstances at Newmarket, Richards up, was going to lose him in the may also be there, but there is a doubt owing Derby. Mahmoud and Charlie Smirke sailed to the firm ground. Tahir, a stable com- home in record time.

The engagement of Harry Wragg to ride chief Derby hope, are the other cracks engaged. Mirza II to-day and later in the Two Thousand Guineas brings a new interest in the most proved a reliable guide to the classics, for the spectacular horse that ran last year.

Wragg is such a past-master in the art of conserving a horse's speed that long ago they Fairford, a spectacular winner twelve took his initials to nick-name him the Head months ago, faded right out after proving such Waiter.

The tactics Wragg will adopt to-day will sand Guineas. Noble King was another who be the most interesting feature of the

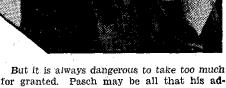
race. Knowing him so well, I can picture Mirza II being "set alight" in the last furlong to give us the biggest thrill we have had this season, whether he wins or

loses. Success to-day might mean another in the Two Thousand Guineas, but this side of the first classic both Tahir and Khan Bahadur seem stouter reeds for the Aga Khan at Epsom.

٠ Khan Bahadur, like Ramtapa and Onslaught, both good colts, could not be included in the official handicap of last season's two-year-olds because he did not run three times. First time out Khan Bahadur, a full brother to Mahmoud, was beaten by Unbreakable at Ascot. On his only other appearance he led all the way for an easy win at York.

As Tahir won three times and was twice second in six attempts, the old problem of finding the Aga Khan's best may be very near again. Somehow I think it will be Tahir. + . - +

Portmarnock's position as favourite may not be shaken by anything that happens at Newbury, but there is a little affair at Newmarket next week that might cause a big upneaval. A modest Maiden Plate on Tuesday may _ecome the most talked of race of the week unless hard ground prevents Pasch making his first appearance on a racecourse.



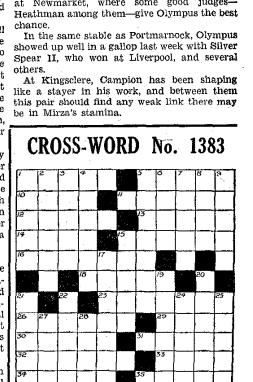
for granted. Pasch may be all that his ad-mirers claim for him. I hope he is, because I do want to see Gordon Richards on a Derby winner.

First of all, though, I want to see how far Pasch can justify his big home reputation. When he has done so will be the time to think about backing him for the Derby. Don't " jump in " yet awhile.

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Reverting to to-day's Newbury race, it looks as if conditions will favour Mirza II to an extent that may make him a winner.

But that is by no means the unanimous idea at Newmarket, where some good judges-





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Of recent years this Newbury affair has not

good reason that the best horses are rarely

a disappointing favourite in the Two Thou-

made himself a reputation that was to be burst like a bubble.

To-day's field should be fitter than usual because of the long spell of fine weather. For that reason the race may provide a better test than usual, but I shall be keeping the fate of Fairford and Noble King in mind, unless Scottish Union turns up and beats Mirza II in decisive fashion.

Ninety-nine people out of a hundred were saying "Mirza will never win a Derby" when Portmarnock spoilt his unbeaten record at Doncaster last September.

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 Incon. 8 Delphi and Comana, 10 Praxitheles II, 100-7

 others.

 4.30-OHIEVELEY HANDIDAP STAKES, £600: 51.

 131 IFSDEN (O. Bell), 5-9-7

 200 WINDHAM (F. Butters), 5-8-10

 200 WATERBIRD (J. Javis), 5-8-2

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It was said again with added emphasis when Scottish Union caught him in the last few season opened. strides up the hill at Newmarket a few weeks. later.

I confess to sharing the general idea that that can be obtained for Epsom. Mirza II will not make a true stayer, but I'm not going to say he can't win yet awhile.

Most people now know a lot more about this Beckhampton "dark 'un" than they did be-fore I told of his great promise before the

Evidently the bookmakers have heard something too, since 14 to 1 is now the best price

It will be less than that if he wins next week-and looking over the likely opposition Only two years ago Mahmoud was being torn he should do that right enough if he is half to shreds as a." non-staver.". Tai Akhar, with as good as he is supposed to be

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