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this occasion than Khan Bahadur until Tahir

unluckily went slightly lame. Now he may not

Mirza II was by far the most spectacular

two-year-old that ran last year, but unlike

Orwell and Colombo his amazing speed could

At Doncaster he was cleverly beaten by Portmarnock when Smirke rode a "waiting race."

At Newmarket he was literally crawling when

Brilliant jockeyship-plus favourable condi-

tions-got him home over the Newbury mile at

the beginning of this month, but the question

is: Will Harry Wragg find himself in the happy

Unless he does I am afraid Mirza II will

Tahir, even more than Mirza II, is bred on

sprinting lines, yet he did get six furlongs last

year, and was certainly not disgraced when

trying to give Pasch 15lb. at Kempton recently.

what they have been saying about Pasch for

months at Beckhampton, where they do know

Pasch in his first race. Not only did he over-come the handicap of inexperience to win

easily, but he was running on at the end like

A good downpour or two before the race

would make me more happy about his pros-

pects, for I am not sure that he would like

But I am sure he is the good horse he has

Next to the first Derby for Gordon Richards,

always been regarded, and that he will prove

I must say I was immensely impressed by

"Gordon's first Derby winner at last" is

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"blow up," as he did at Newmarket last

autumn. They never crawl in the Guineas !

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something about winning the Derby.

position of being able to "ride his own race

Scottish Union caught him on the hill in the

not save him from defeat over six furlongs.

run.

Middle Park Stakes.

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really hard ground.

it with the slightest bit of luck.

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BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

 ${\bf B}^{\rm EST}$ man called away at the last minute to travel as reserve , . . rush round for a reserve best man. And no honeymoon for the bridal pair.

If Manchester United hadn't been fighting for promotion and Newcastle hadn't been struggling to avoid relegation, it would have been a perfectly ordinary wedding.

Jack Smith, Manchester United centre forward, and pretty blonde Lily Baxter, of Springwell, Co. Durham, were matried at Washington Parish Church yesterday, but the honeymoon has been postponed until the end of the season. Billy Cairns, Newcastle centre forward, was to have been best man but just before the

to have been best man, but just before the ceremony his club called on him to travel to Chesterfield as reserve. Bob Nicolson, former Burnley half back, acted as best man.

"I met Lily at a party two years ago," Smith told me. "We fell in love at first sight, and when I was transferred to Old Trafford in February Lily got a job in Man-chester and followed me there."

Smith was Newcastle United's leading goal scorer for three seasons.

MACARONI II FOR LONDON TROPHY

By THE HURDLER

BUSY Now, runner-up to Juvenile Classic in B the National Open Hurdles final, is well fancied to win Clapton's London Trophy event, a hurdle race over 400 yards, but I think it may be best to support the home-trained Macaroni II White City have a hurdle race for the Northaw Kennel Stakes, likely to be won by Walrond Wizard. Selections:--

White City.--8.0, Bunkered; 8.18, Wildmoor Barley-corn: 8.36 (H), Walrond Wizard; 8.54, Jubilant's Jose-phine; 9.12, Beckbury Curious; 9.30, Lynch Law; 9.48, Coronation Teddy; 10.6, Stovedore, Jupy Brother, Bally-moley Boy, Jorrock's Hunt, Rock Age, Great Record, Cultray Lecencey

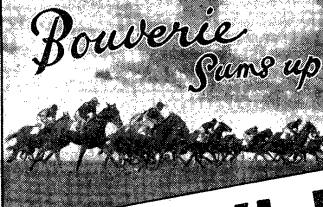
Place Selections. -Gala Revue, Busy Brother, Bally-moley Boy, Jorrock's Hunt, Rock Age, Great Record, Culray, Regency.
Stamford Bridge.-Afternoon-3.15, Punch O'Dare; 3:33, Ilford Bill; 3:51, Monty Horner; 4.9 (H), Sudbury Sonala: 4.27, Chelsea Bun; 4.45, Bunker; 5.3, Ryan; 5.21, Slightly Bent.
Place Selections.-Dear Bert, Carnation Lad. Dop-cry Genobrel, Socialist Leader, Westminster Chimes, Harvey Frost, Luzett's Imperial, Boston Clock.
Clapton.-80, Red Guide; 8:16 Art Treasure; 8:36, Escaped the Guards; 8:54 (H). Mecaroni II; 9:12, Vernon's Latest; 9:30, Last Hop; 9:48, Come On Knock-brack; 10.6, Grand Guide.
Place Selections.-Plaza, Pallanza, Toby Peters, Busy Now, Duna Brezze, Mansion Dee, Thurnby Primose, Wild Clash.
Catiord.-Rel. Miss Cuba; 8:31, Flaming Sunset; 8:47.

Wild Clash. Brecze, Mansion Dee, Trurnby Primrose, Catford.-8.15. Miss Cuba; 8.31. Flaming Sunset; 8.47. Bright Impression; 9.3. Kiltomey Boy; 9.19. Grey Opossum; 9.36. Assyrian Mcnarch: 9.53. Jellied Veal; 10.11. Greedy Rebecca. Place Selections.-Lonely Vigil, Exning Prince, Sea-side Banker, Bright Dragoon, Rab, Jollrambler, Sand-field Boy, Barrie McNab Double.-Wairond Wizard (nap) and Lynch Law at White City.

OTHER SELECTIONS

Hackney Wick.-3.30, Parson's Sanctuary; 3.45. War-wick Peter; 4.0 (H), Cahervourneen; 4.15. Morton; 4.30, Warwick Pal; 4.45 (H), Howling Wind; 5.0, Pirate Shore; 5.15. Ptarmigan. Place Selections.-Dornicle, New Bridge Marvel, Miss Ramair, Champagne Crush, King Knave, Castle Bloom, Bridge of Sighs, Clymene. Watthamstow.-8.0, Johnsfido; 8.16, King's Highway; 8.36, Duna Tip; 8.54, Buckworth Tornado; 9.12 (H), Bronze Plate; 9.30, Braddock Hero; 9.46, Precipitation; 10.6, Millyiew. 10.6. Millylew, and Matter Links and States and State

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GUINEAS Week begins at Newmarket to - day - a great week in itself, but even more import-

ant as it affects the

future-the Derby in particular. A great event, the Two Thousand Guineas is "key" race to the most coveted prize in the the world,

Similarly, the One Thousand is the first and only real trial for the Oaks.

Combined, so to speak, the two Epsom races show what should be expected in the St. Leger, which winds up the classic series.

Although fillies are eligible for all five races, I do not remember one of any importance running in the Two Thousand since Sceptre put up her wonderful record in 1902.

That year she beat thirteen rivals in the Two Thousand Guineas and won the One Thousand two days later. She failed in the Derby-won by Ard Patrick, but-again two days latershe came out and won the Oaks.

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At Doncaster Sceptre was an easy winner of the St. Leger-a wonderful record for a filly which had actually

begun the season with a narrow defeat in the Lincolnshire Handi-

cap. Of late years the Thousand Τwο Guineas has been confined entirely to colts, and again there will be nothing in the field to-morrow to challenge Sceptre's record.

Guineas week comes

their paces in public.

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This season, because of the hard ground, several of the best of them have to be judged on their two-year-old form—which is not going to make winner-finding easy.

Portmarnock-champion two-year-old and present Derby favourite-is one that must be judged entirely on what he did last year. So must Scottish Union, Glen Loan Ramtapa, Caerloptic and Khan Bahadur.

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The last-named, a brother to Mahmoud, is one of a trio owned by the Aga Khan. The others are Mirza II and Tahir, and either of this pair seemed more likely to do the trick on

The One Thousand and Two Thousand Guineas . . , the titles of these classics are misleading enough. Actually they are two of the most valuable events of the season. Last year Le Ksar won £9,318 compared with Mid-day Sun's £9,441 in the Derby.

The One Thousand Guineas brought the owner of Exhibitionnist £7,422, or nearly £300 more than her Oaks victory realised.

> the most intriguing possibility is that Pound Foolish will at last break the spelt of bad luck that has dogged Lord Astor's colours.

> Like Pasch, Pound Foolish did not run as a two-year-old, but unlike Pasch he was easily beaten in his only race this season

> From what I hear there will be more Manton confidence in Ramtapa-owned by Sir Abe Bailey-than Pound Foolish for the Guineas, but I'm told that it is quite likely to be the other way round at Epsom.

> Rafano-a brother to Rodosto, who was successful in 1933-will give France a big interest in the race they won last year with Le Ksar, but I have an idea that we shall keep the prize at home this time.

> Pasch, Portmarnock and Ramtapa are the trio I fancy most, and latest news and knowledge of the conditions must decide the final choice.

Frank Butters, who trains Tahir, Mirza II and Khan Badahui, will have no fewer than five runners in the One Thousand Guineas on Friday.

Radiant (G. Richards), Solar Flower (Perryman), La Li (Elliott). Ann of Austria (Smirke),



Unless HARRY WRAGG can "ride his own race" to-morrow, I'm afraid Mirza **H** will "blow up"

and Stafaralla (Harry Wragg) are the Fitzroy House "quins," all of them pretty smart, particularly Stafaralla, who was only just behind Tahir at Kempton recently.

That's the first good horse I've owned and it does give one a kick," said Prince Aly to me after that race. I am sure he is looking more than hopefully to leading in his first classic winner on Friday.

Stafaralla's two-year-old form and the evidence that she has not looked back certainly justify his optimism, but "on information received." as they say in other quarters, don't leave out Scotia's Glen.

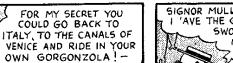
Sir Victor Sassoon won the One Thousand last year with Exhibitionnist after that filly had finished second in the Free Handicap.

Scotia's Glen did not get quite so close in the corresponding race this season, but she was a good fourth to the "good thing" Lapel, to which she was conceding 23lb.

Rockfel, who was just in front of Scotia's Glen, was a good winner at Epsom last week and she will not be receiving 91b when they meet again on Friday.



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Sceptre's Record Usually when

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