

FOUR HOT FAVOURITES FAIL SMALL FIELDS—AND A WALK-OVER

PHONETIC SCORES AT A
GENEROUS PRICE

By THE
SCOUT

NOTTINGHAM, Monday.

WHAT with a walk-over for the chief race, four odds-on chances failing off the reel, you can imagine that our sport was distinctly mixed at Nottingham today. Naturally Fire Music, as a winner without a penalty, was made an odds-on favourite as a getting-out medium.

It was a striking sign of the present hard ground that Light o' Love was allowed a bloodless victory in the Harrington Stakes, a handicap worth £442.

There was, I believe, a thought of starting the good top-weight, Almaska, a French-bred four-year-old, who was to concede 10lbs. Sir Abe Bailey's colt has not run in this country, but he would have been fancied, so no doubt he is being kept for something more important.

Anyway, keep Almaska in mind.

O.T.C. also missed a good chance on his favourite course. Mr. Glasspool had naturally been preferred a mile, and a bet on his well-trained Light o' Love, but he will surely be never made a more wise purchase. College Leader has a half share. A walk-over is also a gift to the rider. Perryman was in the saddle.

There were only thirty runners, all told. I seem to remember a day at Newbury in the spring when the racing was so poor that the first four heats comprised the afternoon's smallest field.

Enter Salisbury

A THREE-DAY meeting of the old-fashioned Bury Club is now over now.

The Wiltsshire stables of Fred Darling and Joe Lawson seem to "farm the two-year-olds" and the Bury Club is still won by the Norman Court stakes last year with Myosotis and also sold out. Wilbordor, third in the race, and the disappointing Samura.

I note, though, that Boyd-Rochfort has sent Almaska, while the well-trained Bright Bird and Bright Bird in the Ascot Gold Vase that he must be my selection against Lord Astor's promising colt.

It is the "Wilton" Handicap that always shows a preference for soft going, but Major Ferryman's horse was also at Ascot when fifth in a weight-conceding task behind Corrado.

You know Cecil Ray's style. It completed a double for him.

Surprising Betting

THE betting was also more surprising than usual, with the remaining selector for Social Event, a mile to our chance, was always going a bit too well for Fanny Adams, Suspicion, Orana, Spinifex, Singing Bird, and Sankate were all odds-on failures. When a horse starts at odds-on, it ought to be a racing certainty.

I was glad to see such a popular trainer as E. Ferguson change his luck with Elgar (4-1), having a rare stroke of fortune to come back from Egypt. They will live up to their name, and he had looked in the right place.

Elgar and Ferrier won, and Elgar showed good stamina and stayed there by three lengths.

OLD Suspicion was made an odds-on chance in the Arnold Sciling Plate. She was carrying strange colours, having recently been sold to Lady Muriel, and it was obvious some mix from that. Esmeralda had gained the upper hand. Mr.

12 to 1 Double

THE SCOUT'S Winners
yesterday included:

PHONETIC - - 5-1

HIJITO - - 4-1

EIGG - - 3-1

ASTBURY - - 3-1

PHONETIC and EIGG formed

the tote double at Nottingham, the dividend being £15 lbs. or just over

12 to 1

TRAINING HINTS

NEWMARKET — A strongly fancied competitor in the valuable Derby Trial Plate, Nottingham is Armour Bright, with our resident correspondent. He has hesitated by his Newmarket outing, and it will take a good one to lower his colour.

Almaska and Fragrance are strongly fancied for their respective races at Newmarket, and the latter with a winning double. Complete selections:—

NOTTINGHAM: 2.0. Glentee; 2.30. Lushie; 3.0. Currikure; 3.30. Armour Bright; 4.0. Tandem (each way).

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