

Weston a genius in tight finish AND KEEPS HIS CAP ON

By THE SCOUT SANDOWN, Monday. MINISTRONE, in a finish of heads and short-heads between five horses, was able to resist the late flourish of Buoyant and win the Lonsdale Handicap here this afternoon.

Buoyant was the last to join the group of four horses—Ministrone, Colchis, Roderick Dhu and Brasso—who had been fiercely disputing the lead for the last furlong.

Lord Derby, who has been paying his annual visit to a spa in Wales, was not here to witness the success of his three-year-old.

Certainly he had been present he would certainly have congratulated Weston on riding a cool race rounded off by a brilliant finish.

There were moments in the straight when it seemed Tommy would never obtain a clear run. Such situations evoke Weston's undoubted genius. The only surprise was that Lord Derby's white cap was still on his head at the finish!

Colchis and Brasso could have been on a matter of inches behind Roderick Dhu, the official third. An Apple A Day once flattered, but his effort was of brief duration and left an impression that he does not really relish the grueling struggle. Slaughter had been the early leader, but I never noticed Foleta, The Beak or Blot.

FAVOURITE CAUGHT JACK JARVIS provided his usual Sandown winner when Epiboleum, in the capable hands of Eph Smith, overhauled the favourite Lady Delhi to win the Maiden Plate by half a length.

Weston completed a double when Snow White, despite Lewis exhortations, easily accounted for Bobby in the Barn and Carlos in the Lubbock Sprint. She seemed the only member of the field able to accelerate in the last furlong.

EASIEST WINNER ALL the seven winners were well backed, but only Gyroscope and Rossall actually started favourites. Moon Ray was saddled for the Lamma Stakes in preference to his handicap engagement, but was no match for Gyroscope, the easiest of winners.

Rossall was one of three successes gained by inmates of O. Bell's stable this afternoon. Nord Express outclassed Ripon rivals to win the Great St. Michael Handicap by three lengths—a noteworthy performance.

Smirk went to Derby to ride Nizami for his patron, but even this task was beyond the grey's ability. Templeman, with two winners, took training honours at Chesham, where Golden Sovereign was not saddled in Nip Away's Summer Cup, in which Laureat II. added yet another to his long list of seconds.

BRUCE HOBBS felt no ill effect of his ride on Poor Duke—his first since his accident last November—at Newton Abbot. Poor Duke finished fifth in a big field.

One meeting fewer tomorrow, The Brighton Stakes will provide the feature.

HORSES FOR COURSES DERBY 4.0.—Mistral Queen (Apr 1938, 5), 8, 9, C. 4.0.—Mistral Queen (Apr 1937, 5), 8, 9, C. 4.0.—Mistral Queen (Apr 1937, 5), 8, 9, C. 4.0.—Mistral Queen (Apr 1937, 5), 8, 9, C.

How favourites fare Ten years' records for the corresponding day's racing at Brighton, Derby, and Ripon. Calculations for the Lamma Stakes are given for backers indicated by the number of winning favourites of equivalent events.

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BRIGHTON Course jottings

By OUR COURSE CORRESPONDENT SANDOWN, Monday. DUNKELD was all out to give Jason 4lbs. and a short-head beating at Catterick last month, and Jason meets him again on 4lbs. better terms in the Newby Plate at Ripon tomorrow.

Jason should be good enough to win on these terms. He missed a race on Saturday for this. I am advised to support System for the Channel Plate at Brighton. I have seen her at work on Epsom Downs, and though she is still a maiden, I fancy her to beat this lot tomorrow, especially as she has a much better chance of a big danger, is now a likely absentee.

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NEWTON ABBOT CARD DAILY EXPRESS SELECTIONS Golden Sunset, 11, 6, 10, 5; Ingranee, 5, 20, 3; Nellys, 10, 10; Prince Llewellyn, 7, 10, 3; Royals, 16, 10; Quick Return, 7, 10; Joburg, 10, 10.

"JOKER" HAS RACING SENSE, IS STAR TH

By J. S. BRADFORD THREE Laurels semi-finals, to be decided at Wimbledon tonight, raise an otherwise quiet day's greyhound racing to the highest level.

The outstanding feat in the first-round heats run last Friday was the first bend leap of Bally-Joker.

Largely as the result of that, and because he is now drawn in the 3.1, make him the best bet tonight.

Mrs. Ceann's great dog, drawn unfavourably in trap 1, looked like being squeezed out of the race by Junior Conquest. The "Joker" checked in his stride and jumped across Junior Conquest's hindquarters to go clear.

DESERVED SUCCESS IT was a brilliant example of racing sense. The dog made up ground so fast that I think he would have won but for being forced to check as they turned into the straight.

Next in the list of first-round achievements was the defeat of Brave Reward, and Red Side Scotie by Out II, the White City outsider.

He had been outpaced and unplaced in seven humber events at White City, but he revealed in the conditions at Wimbledon and won on merit. Out II will have a much harder task this evening, and I do not fancy his chance.

Runners tonight in train order are: First semi-final: Orluck's Best, Causeway Tom, Ballyjoker, Return Fare (3.10), 3.15, 3.20, 3.25, 3.30, 3.35, 3.40, 3.45, 3.50, 3.55, 4.00, 4.05, 4.10, 4.15, 4.20, 4.25, 4.30, 4.35, 4.40, 4.45, 4.50, 4.55, 5.00, 5.05, 5.10, 5.15, 5.20, 5.25, 5.30, 5.35, 5.40, 5.45, 5.50, 5.55, 6.00, 6.05, 6.10, 6.15, 6.20, 6.25, 6.30, 6.35, 6.40, 6.45, 6.50, 6.55, 7.00, 7.05, 7.10, 7.15, 7.20, 7.25, 7.30, 7.35, 7.40, 7.45, 7.50, 7.55, 8.00, 8.05, 8.10, 8.15, 8.20, 8.25, 8.30, 8.35, 8.40, 8.45, 8.50, 8.55, 9.00, 9.05, 9.10, 9.15, 9.20, 9.25, 9.30, 9.35, 9.40, 9.45, 9.50, 9.55, 10.00, 10.05, 10.10, 10.15, 10.20, 10.25, 10.30, 10.35, 10.40, 10.45, 10.50, 10.55, 11.00, 11.05, 11.10, 11.15, 11.20, 11.25, 11.30, 11.35, 11.40, 11.45, 11.50, 11.55, 12.00, 12.05, 12.10, 12.15, 12.20, 12.25, 12.30, 12.35, 12.40, 12.45, 12.50, 12.55, 1.00, 1.05, 1.10, 1.15, 1.20, 1.25, 1.30, 1.35, 1.40, 1.45, 1.50, 1.55, 2.00, 2.05, 2.10, 2.15, 2.20, 2.25, 2.30, 2.35, 2.40, 2.45, 2.50, 2.55, 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