DISASTER TO ODDS ON CHANCE.

UNUSUAL MISHAP TO THE CHAMPION, JERRY M.

FRENCH "DATES."

It will be a long time before some people forget December 6 at Newbury. One of the records in odds laid on became undized when Jerry M. unshipped Driscoll three fences from home in the Open Steeplechase. Jerry M. did not fall, but put a foot wrong and went half through the fence. Driscoll parting company with him. Certainly, he was remounted, but it was altogether too late. There was a suggestion that the stable expected there would be no opposition in this race, and let him take matters easily last week. Certainly the horse was a little bit above himself, but what a disaster! A well-known professional backer laid 31 to 1 on, and another who works big commissions did likewise.

Some of the layers would not do business at all and thereby lost a golden opportunity. One of the biggest men, chiefly at starting price, laid 20's to a deal of money against the winner, and one of the best-known bookmaking owners peppered the winner at long odds, having a very bad race of it. Now there has only got to be another real hot pot come out again this week, and there will be a rush to get on the outsiders. To the best of my recollection, this is the first time that Jerry M. has made a mistake, at all events during the last two seasons; in fact, one cannot recall any blonner in England.

It was a very good thing that the afternoon was nearly over when this happened, and there were several absentees who were glad that they had given way to the seductiveness of a luncheon party rather than go to Newbury and meet with disaster. But they did not all come out scathless. There is one man I know of who thought he would make a bit of certain spending money. He rang up and gave an order to back Jerry M. to win him a score. He will watch every post that comes to his house at the end of this week, so that madame shall not open the letter by mistake containing the account, which elows him down the "niche" for 400 of the best and brightest.

SPOILING THEIR XMAS.

Oh dear! Oh dear! what a nice thing jumping is! How his Christmas plans will be altered, and that little January jaunt, too, will have to be taken in imagination unless—but backers have wonderful recuperative powers, at least that is my experience, especially about those who go to the course. One sees them at the end of an afternoon or at the end of a week sighing and bewailing their lot, but it is wonderful a few days after to see them with a new scarf pin, that bright ring on their finger again, and gold oozing from their pockets. How soon they forget disasters! That is as it should be, and the man who cannot smile should amuse himself feeding his rabbits instead of posing as a judge of racing.

Newgrange won the Berks Hurdle Race. I have mentioned two who suffered over Jerry M., but they had won a nice bit over backing the winner and another placed horse in this race. I am afraid that Off Side is not quite so good as I thought him, although it is quite probable that he prefers the ground a little firmer. I shall back him to win a good selling race, if they enter him for an event of this kind. Newgrange won easily. There was disaster waiting the majority in the Juvenile Selling Hurdle, when Brazfield, who looked a good thing, was beaten a couple of lengths by Pot Night Star got a bit back when he won the Findon Selling Steeplechase rather cleverly. Another dash during the afternoon was on Le Viso, but here was another assumed good thing to meet with trouble, Bonnie Cairn beating him in the run-in. Morston was another to win on speed from the last hurdle from Jumse and Jonathon. In this race Jonathon wouldn't do it. He had the race at his mercy between the two last hurdles, but then showed his unwillingness.

TO-DAY'S HOPES.

The principal event to-day is the Juvenile Hurdle Race, and to be consistent with what I have ventured to foretell concerning

ELECTRIC BOY,

I shall stand him to win. The only "if" concerning him in my opinion is that he occasionally breaks bloodvessels, and jumping is a bit of a strain. In such an event I think the danger will be Garrocie. In the Cranborne Steeplechase Springbok appears to have a chance if he can beat that smart newcomer, Lanigan's Ball. In the Moderate Hurdle Race Father Blind may be seen out, and it will be interesting to see how he shapes. There does not seem a lot to beat.

NEWSVENDOR

may be good enough to win the Andover Steeplechase.

National Hunt sport is not exciting as very much as yet, and only thirty-five horses ran yesterday. I do not suppose we shall see all-round good fields until after Christmas. Some of the chief prices obtained for bloodstock at Newmarket will be found set out in another column. Evidently some sellers are there for a double purpose, as their names appear among the purchasers yesterday. The grey Temerairo, it will be noticed, went to Sir Ernest Cassel for 1,000 guineas, and he should be worth it. Here is a horse who would make a real good hurdler, but I do not suppose they will put him to it, for Sir Ernest Cassel does not seem to have much leaning in this direction. Mr. Saunders Davies bought Foscale for 600 guineas, and he usually knows what he is doing. I have a bet with a well-known trainer that I name the top-price animals from those in training to be offered. The two I have chosen are Sir Archibald and Americus Girl—he has the rest. Christmas Daisy and Mat o' the Mint will each fetch a decent figure.

There has been a lot of mild speculation going on as regards probable prices, and it is the anticipation of the various lots to be offered which causes the results of day's sales to be closely studied. With some people dealing in bloodstock in a quiet, speculative way is a good paying game. I notice that Roseline, the mare I have alluded to once or twice as having been sold for twenty-three guineas for the Fresh Air Fund, is again in the sale ring this week. She has changed hands several times. I should say she would fetch four figures. As previously stated, Mr. J. B. Joel has never regretted the gift, although he parted with a good one.

CAN WE WIN GRAND PRIX?

The dates for the big races in France next season have been arranged, and were approved of last week. The Prix de Diane (French Oaks) will be run for at Chantilly on June 5. Of course, the Prix du Jockey Club (French Derby) is on the following Sunday. The big steeplechase is on the 19th. This begins the big week, with a hurdle race on Wednesday, the 23rd, and the Grand Prix on the 26th. Thus last year's dates are pretty well adhered to. It comes well after Ascot, and English Derby horses will have twenty-five days before our Blue Riband and the big race at Longchamp. It would really be glorious if we could win this great race. It cuts both ways, too, for French owners can send a horse here for the English Derby and have twelve days between the running for this and the race of the same name at Chantilly. Epsom begins on May 31, and Ascot on June 14. The Manchester Cup comes unusually early, owing to Whit Monday being May 24. It is very seldom it comes before Epsom. To my idea, the early dates are an advantage to the northern meeting.

Of the forty-seven sires whose progeny won at least £3,000 in France last season, thirty were home-bred and seventeen were imported. In 1908 the figures were twenty-eight and nineteen respectively. The descendants of the French sires won £293,000, compared with £115,200 by the "aliens." In 1908 the imported stallions did much better than this.

During the past flat-race season in England French-bred horses have won £7,659, which is a little more than in 1908, but considerably less than in previous seasons. Prices are so valuable in France nowadays that French owners are losing the keenness to send horses over the Channel, although they very wisely do not neglect Continental countries where they have a market for their bloodstock.

One is glad to hear that Lucien Lyne is very much better since the operation he recently underwent, and has now gone to Davos, where he will probably stay for the next four months. He will probably be joined by several English riders after Christmas. Speaking of Americans, it was quite refreshing to learn from our Newmarket correspondent that Joyner hopes to get "home" (England) for Christmas. He has quite settled down here, and I should say it is most probable that he will stay here altogether. And not a bad place either, so long as we can have a few winners now and then.

THE SCOUT.

NEWBURY CARD.

"THE SCOUT'S" SELECTIONS.

1. 0—Healthy Boy
1.30—Father Blind
2. 0—Tiptree Heath
2.30—Lanigan's Ball
3. 0—Electric Boy (nap)
3.30—Newsvendor (n.b.)

* Explanation of figures and letters preceding the horse names in the programme.—The first figure indicates the position occupied, the letter following the description of the course, viz., (B) hurdle race, (C) steeplechase, and the figures following the letters the distance of the race. Example, 1(B)3 means won a hurdle race (B) miles, 3(C) (half) a steeplechase (C) miles. When letters replace the first figure (P) means "pulled up," (F) "refused or ran out" and (U) "unseated rider" complete the course.

1.0—ALBRISTON SELLING STEEPLECHASE of £100: winner to be sold for £80. 2 M. 50 YDS.

NS2. 352 KEDGEREE (Mr. G. Greenwood) ..... Fulton 5 12 3
052. 432 ALICE DELVIN (Mr. A. L. Samson) ..... Yates 5 12 3
PS2. 232 HEALTHY BOY (Mr. G. V. Fabian) ..... Tabor 7 12 3
053 H.T. (Mr. A. Yates) ..... Yates 7 12 3

The Above Have Arrived.

032. 352 ROUGH PUP (Mr. C. C. Assheton-Smith) ..... Cole 6 12 3
032. 242 IRISH ANGEL (Mr. Athol Tabor) 7 12 3
132. 432 IRELAND'S EYE II. (Lord Lurgan) ..... Whitaker 10 12 3
032 THE DRONE (Mr. C. Hibbert) ..... Nightingall 7 12 3
432 JACK (Mr. F. C. Parker) ..... Kelly 6 12 3
AMACHINE (Mr. Oliver Bibby) Private 5 12 3
152 FAST AND FREE (Mr. H. Bell Cole) 4 11 6

1.30—MODERATE HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of £100. 2 M.

1H3. 2H2 REGENT (Prince Hatzfeldt) ..... Mr. Hastings 4 12 6
3H2. 1H3 ROLANDINE (Mr. F. Dawson) ..... Mr. Carey 6 11 13
1H2 BRIGHT PARK (Mr. F. C. Stern) ..... Mr. Bates 5 11 13
0H3. 4H3 OFF SIDE (Col. J. Rutherford) ..... Barling 4 11 10
2H2. 1H2 FATHER BLIND (Mr. Jas. Hesselbarth) ..... H. Hunt 6 11 5
0H2. 0H2 PURDYSBURN (Mr. F. Dawson) ..... Mr. Mitchell 5 11 4
0H2. 4H2 SUTTON PARK (Mr. R. Tyler) ..... Tyler 4 11 0
4H3. 3H2 GRAB (Mr. G. Parker) ..... Parker 5 11 0
1H2. 0H2 SHERWOOD FOREST (Mr. C. Hibbert) ..... Nightingall 6 10 10
3H3 KELD (Mr. G. H. Morris) ..... Morgan 9 10 7

The Above Have Arrived.

1H2. 1H2 LET GO THE PAINTER (Mr. Bonner Wilson) (Fife and Tayside) ..... Tarpe 7 15 0
BALLSBREEN (Mrs E. M. Woodland) ..... Mars Baker 6 11 12
PS2. 1H3 JOCK (Mr. H. Peck) (Fife and Forfar) ..... Gosnell 4 11 5
3H2. 1H2 BIRD OF PREY (Mr. Hesselbarth) ..... Harlock 4 11 7
2H2. 0H2 PLACE TAKER (Mr. J. Forsyth) ..... Mortimer 4 10 8

2.0—YATESBURY SELLING HURDLE RACE of £100: winner to be sold for £80. 2 M. 7 YDS.

2H2. 1H2 MORE HASTE (Mr. F. B. Harding) ..... Harding 7 12 0
4H2. 2H2 THE BRIDGE (Mr. C. Beverley) ..... Cox 5 12 0
5H2. 0H2 MOLAPO (Mr. J. B. Charteris) ..... Gwill 5 12 0
3H3 ADONIS III. (Mr. W. H. Ewart) ..... Price 7 12 0
1H3. 0H2 BROOMSTICK (Mr. A. J. Walmsley) ..... Pratt 5 12 0
PH2. 1H2 TIPTREE HEATH (Mr. J. Fuller) ..... Hutchens 4 11 9

The Above Have Arrived.

2H2. 0H2 AMPTHILL (Mr. J. F. Apple-yard) ..... Halfpenny 6 12 0
ROMER (Mr. H. Reynolds) ..... Bell 6 12 0
LUDLOW (Mr. H. Bonsor) ..... Gore 6 12 0
0H2 MAUDBURG (Mr. B. Harwood) ..... R. W. Smith 4 11 9

2.30—CRANBORNE HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of £150. 3 M.

PS3 BLOODSTONE (Mr. C. Bower Ismay) ..... Robinson 8 12 0
052. 353 BATHVALE (Prince Hatzfeldt) ..... Mr. A. Hastings 8 11 12
3H2 WICKHAM (Mr. F. Bibby) ..... Donnelly 8 11 6
0p3 DUSTMAN (Mr. H. Dyke Denham) ..... Rogers 8 11 3
PS3 LANIGAN'S BALL (Mr. H. M. Harris) ..... Hutchins 8 11 2
DARBED DEAD (Mr. E. P. Brassey) ..... Tabor 6 11 1
PS2. PS2U ARTOCAR (Mr. Romer Williams) ..... Payne 6 10 13
052 BITTER STILL (Mr. R. W. Farr) ..... Bates 6 10 10
SLIEVE RIACH II. (Mr. Hepburn) ..... Walker 5 10 6

The Above Have Arrived.

153. 1P53 SPRINKLE ME (Capt. E. Garbutt) ..... Miller (7) 6 12 0
SWEET CECIL (Mr. F. Bibby) ..... Donnelly 8 12 0
153 SHADY GIRL (Mr. P. Nelson) ..... Cole 8 11 13
153. 153 PETLAR'S PRIDE (Mr. A. Lane Fox) ..... Mr. A. Hastings 8 11 13
252. 153 CARSEY (Prince Hatzfeldt) (Fife and Forfar) ..... Mr. A. Hastings 6 11 12
053. PS3 SPRINGBOK (Col. R. L. Bruce) ..... Martin 8 11 5
233 LORD RIVERS (Baron de Forest) ..... Walker 7 11 2
153. 353 SIMON PASSE (Mr. R. Tyler) ..... Butler 5 11 2
253 CREOLIN (Col. M. Ellwood) ..... Rogers 12 11 0
0H3 HOAR ABBEY (Mr. A. E. Stokes) ..... Coulthwaite 7 10 12
N53. PS2 DRUMKERRIN (Mr. J. C. Allen-Jeffery) ..... Mr. Jeffery 8 10 9
233. 233 BONNIE CANDLE (Mr. J. Stevenson) ..... Stratton 7 10 8
PS2U. PS2U PIRGAT (Mr. H. W. S. Chilcott) ..... Irvine 5 10 0

(Walkover.)

3.0—NEWBURY JUVENILE HURDLE. 1½ M.

1H2. 1H2 SEE SEE (Mr. H. Trimmer) ..... F. Hunt 11 3
1H1U. 2H1U GARROGIE (Mr. C. Bower Ismay) ..... Rousham 10 11
2H1U. 2H1U BINDER (Prince Hatzfeldt) ..... Mr. Hastings 10 11
ELECTRIC BOY (Mr. A. H. Leslie) ..... Peebles 10 4
SEESON SQUIRE (Mr. W. Walker) ..... Coulthwaite 10 4
CYLLAROS II. (Mr. A. F. Basett) ..... Parsons 10 0
QUEEN'S COURTIER (Mr. C. Beverley) ..... Carr 10 0
0H1U VOOKI (Mr. T. W. Blenkiron) ..... Nightingall 10 0
0H1U PERNAMBUCO (Mr. H. J. King) ..... Leach 10 0
0H1U LUCKY WAVE (Mr. A. Stedall) ..... Nightingall 10 0

The Above Have Arrived.

1H1U. 0H1U JACK HORNER (Lord St. Davids) ..... Bewick 10 11
0H1U SANDY ACLAND (Mr. H. A. Brown) ..... Leach 10 4
4H3 HUMORIST (Mr. H. J. King) ..... Leach 10 4
CHATAINE (Mrs A. Sadler) ..... Sadler jun. 10 4
0H1U CORRESPONDENCE (Mr. H. T. L. Young) ..... Mr. C. E. Young 10 4
0H1U ASHCOT (Prince Hatzfeldt) ..... Mr. A. Hastings 10 0
0H2. 2H1U HOT STYLE (Mr. J. C. Allen-Jeffery) ..... J. Metcalfe 10 0
4H1U. 2H1U BURRIAN (Mr. C. B. Stanton) ..... Stratton 10 0
0H1U LA LA (Mr. W. Hall Walker) ..... Templeman 10 0
0H1U. 0H1U SHIMMERING (Mr. J. T. Watts) ..... Rogers 10 0

3.30—ANDOVER HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE of £100. 2 M. 50 YDS.

PS2 WOLF RUN (Mr. F. Bibby) ..... Donnelly 8 12 0
152. 253 NEWSVENDOR (Mr. S. Hill-Wood) ..... Whitaker 8 12 0
353 DONNICKER (Mr. F. Bibby) ..... Donnelly 8 11 13
P53 SMITHFIELD (Capt. Forestier-Walker) ..... Beardsley 8 11 8
153 BOSH CLUCK (Mr. A. Ewart) ..... Phillips 7 10 13
052. P53 THE COMPASS (Mr. C. L. Tyrie) ..... Carter 5 10 8
052. 052 WOLFBOUND (Mr. T. W. Pratt) ..... Hammond 6 10 5

The Above Have Arrived.

452. 032 PROTECTOR (Mr. P. Gleeson) ..... Gleeson 5 12 5
N53. 132 BRUMKERRIN (Mr. J. C. Allen-Jeffery) ..... Mr. Allen-Jeffery 9 11 10
1U3 APEX (Col. M. Lindsay) ..... Private 7 11 1
052 HEATREE (Mr. E. Cartwright) ..... Cartwright 7 11 0
052. P53 SHERWOOD RISE (Mr. C. Hibbert) ..... Nightingall 6 10 11
252. 053 THE WHELP (Mr. R. Tyler) ..... Butler 5 10 10
PRINCESS ROYAL II. (Mr. J. Bell-Willis) ..... Private 10 10 6
052. 052 FIFTH ACE (Capt. Brassey) ..... Rogers 5 10 5

SOUTHWELL RESULTS.

1.0.—CRAVEN HURDLE RACE.—Marmadoke 1, Vickers 2, Rosebury 3. 8 ran. Betting—9–4 Marmadoke.

1.30.—OSMASTON MANOR HURDLE PLATE.—Gingocre 1, Sinbwood 2, Prince Warden 3. 8 ran. Betting—8–1 Gingocre.

2.0.—SOUTHWELL HURDLE RACE.—We Win 1, Red Gown 2, Acrasia 3. 5 ran. Betting—3–1 We Win.

2.30.—NOTTINGHAM STEEPLECHASE.—Valentine Vox 1, Acorn 2, Bumba 3. Betting—7–1 Valentine Vox.

3.0.—WESTMINSTER STEEPLECHASE.—We Binks 1, Dunwoody 2, King Flute 3. 8 ran. Betting—8–1 We Binks.

3.30.—ASLOCKTON STEEPLECHASE.—Gwendoline 1, Bosso 2. 3 ran. Betting—5–6 Gwendoline.

NEWMARKET SALES.

There was a fairly large attendance at Park Paddocks for the opening of the Newmarket December sales yesterday. The following are the principal prices:—Masters LIT, 1,800gns, M. Carter (Hilsch Seedling, 3 yrs, 500gns, Mr. J. Weekman; Double Footing, 840gns, Mr. W. Clarke; Foyers, 500gns, Mr. J. Davis; Temerairo, 1,000gns, Sir Ernest Cassel; Dessie, 500gns, Mr. H. Wentworth; Amphitrite, 410gns, Mr. R. Sherwood; Perfidy, 310gns, Mr. Talbot; Flotsam, 500gns, Count Trossi; Goldfeching, Gal colt, 500gns, Mr. Parkinson.

In the "Special" Edition of the "Evening Standard and St. James's Gazette" to-night will be found a full report of to-day's racing results.

VICTORY FOR M.C.C.

WESTERN PROVINCE DEFEATED BY INNINGS AND 133 RUNS.

(CENTRAL NEWS.)

CAPETOWN, Monday, Dec. 6.

The game between the M.C.C. and Western Province was resumed on the Newlands ground in fine weather, and before a small company. On Saturday the M.C.C. scored 351, and the Colonials, as the result of a few minutes' batting, made 14 for no wicket.

The ground was very soft after the recent rain, and the batsmen found themselves heavily handicapped on the matting wicket.

Commaille and Bennett continued the innings, and Thompson and Blythe bowled. The batsmen found no very little excuse behind their wickets, and runs came very slowly.

Bennett was dispatched of when ten runs had been added, and at 50 Commaille was bowled.

At 51 the ninth fell, Scott being bowled and Holmes out leg before to the first ball he received.

Herwood was bowled at 59, and ten runs later Hopley, who was the only man to play with anything like freedom, was well caught by Denton after a run in the long field.

Beckett was bowled first ball, and though Murray flicked the captain made an effort to increase the total, the innings closed for 67.

Thompson took seven wickets for 26, and Blythe three for 23.

After lunch the Western Province went in a second time in a minority of 284, and though the conditions were still bad, they fared better than in the first innings, but never looked like saving the game.

The same pair of bowlers started as in the first innings, but the score had only reached 22 when Beckett fell to a catch by Blythe.

Brooke and Commaille took the total to 45, when the former was caught and bowled by Hopley. Hopley made another dozen, but Holmes was soon got rid of, and half the side were out for 82.

Biscett again batted excellently, but Herwood was cleverly caught by Denton deep at long leg. Jackson failed before the fast bowler, and with the disappearance of Scott at 104, after batting an hour and twenty minutes, the end was apparently within sight. Rabett was eighth out, but the next two wickets put on 46 runs. It was however, of no avail, and before six the game was over, and the M.C.C. had won by an innings and 133 runs.

M.C.C.—First Innings.

Hathe, c Hopley, b Whitehead	114
Bholes, c Lindle, b Short	1
Denton, b Blythe	4
L. L. Page, b Lindle	50
Wolley (F. E.), c Hopley, b Lindle	7
Thompson (E.), lbw, b Whitehead	7
M. O. Bird, c Whitehead, b Jackson	76
J. D. C. Lorentzen, c & b Whitehead	40
Strudwick, st Biscett, b Jackson	10
Blythe, not out	0
Buckenham, b Lindle	22
Extras	23
Total	351

WESTERN PROVINCE.—First Innings.

Bennett, b Blythe	9
Commaille, b Thompson	12
Holmes, lbw, b Thompson	0
Herwood, b Thompson	6
Hopley, c Denton, b Blythe	13
Lindle, c Thompson	12
Rabett, not out	0
Jackson, c Denton, b Blythe	0
Short, b Blythe	0
Whitehead, not out	0
Extras	1
Total	67

Second Innings.

Bennett, c Brooke, b Blythe	12
Commaille, b Buckenham	14
Spooke, c Buckenham, b Woolley	11
Hopley, c Buckenham, b Woolley	12
Holmes, c Bird, b Buckenham	5
Herwood, c Denton, b Buckenham	0
Biscett, c Strudwick, b Blythe	22
Jackson, c Buckenham	0
Short, b Bird	20
Lindle, b Blythe	15
Whitehead, not out	16
Extras	1
Total	151

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

WESTERN PROVINCE.—First Innings: Blythe 3 for 23, Buckenham 0 for 6, Thompson 7 for 26.

Second Innings: Blythe 2 for 11, Woolley 2 for 30, Buckenham 4 for 26, Bird 1 for 13, Rhodes 1 for 23, Hobbs 0 for 16.

CRICKET UMPIRES FOR 1910.

The first of the usual December cricket meetings was held at Lord's yesterday, when the first-class county captains met to choose the umpires for next season. The following umpires were appointed:—

Jas. J. Ashfield, Hughes, J. Blake, T. Brown, R. G. Barlow, J. Carlin, C. E. Dean, W. Flowers, F. W. Harrison, W. Hickton, A. W. Hill, J. H. Hobbs, R. Clarke, L. C. Roberts, A. E. Street, W. Cimms, J. E. Wert, W. A. J. Weal, G. Webb, A. A. White, H. Wood, and H. Walmsley.

DIGGLE BEGINS SLOWLY.

The billiards heat between Inman and Diggle which began at Burroughes and Watts yesterday should have an important bearing on the result of the tournament. Both men have won their previous games with considerable ease.

Diggle, who received 4,000 start from Stevenson in 18,000 up, is, from his own point of view, nicely handicapped.

In allowing Inman 500 start in an actual match of 11,000 up Diggle should be on a really good thing, for although his opponent has been prominent lately and played an all-round excellent game, Diggle's experience or—to put it bluntly—superior play should enable him to end the engagement a comfortable winner.

During the preliminary session Inman made breaks of 102, 125, and 108, and altogether gave a better display than his opponent, who, following his customary methods for a preliminary show, could not get properly going, and failed to compile a higher run than 87, and only scored 261 to 562. He failed at some of the easiest shots imaginable, and even missed the object ball altogether on one occasion in a quarter-ball stroke.

Interval scores:—Inman (in play), 5,062; Diggle, 4,264.

Inman had the best of the evening session, when he made breaks of 53 (full), 105, and 114, against 194 and 111 by his opponent.

Closing scores:—Inman (rec. 4,000) (in play), 5,563; Diggle (rec. 4,000), 4,749.

HARVERSON OUTPLAYS REECE.

At Thurston's yesterday Harverson and Reece began a level match of 15,000 up. Harverson had the better of the opening session, when he made breaks of 55, 109, 67, 43, and 258, to 52, 49, and 45 by his opponent.

Interval scores:—Harverson (in play), 6,237; Reece, 4,904.

Closing scores:—Harverson (in play), 1,250; Reece, 629.

NEWBURY DETAILS.

1.0.—JUVENILE SELLING HURDLE RACE of £100: three-year-olds. One mile and a half.

POT NIGHT STAR, by Knight of Malta—Star of My Night (Mr. G. Edwards), 5. 12 ..... A. Parker 1
THERMAL (Mr. J. Wheeler), 4. 11 11 ..... Mr. J. H. Wheeler 2
SEA KID (Mr. T. W. Pratt), 5. 11 5 ..... L. Hammond 3

Also ran: L'Abbe Royal (Mr. H. Carpenter) (5), Last Attempt (Mr. H. Leech) (5), Betty Bell (Mr. V. H. Simon) (6).

(Winner trained by Owner.)

Betting—2–3 NIGHT STAR, 7–2 Sea Kid and Thermal, 7 L'Abbe Royal and Last Attempt, 10–1 Betty Bell. Won by two lengths; three lengths between second and third. The winner was bought in for 320 guineas.

2.0.—BERKS HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of £150. Two miles.

NEWGRANGE, by Bend'Or—Whitefield's Prize (Mr. H. Tyler), 5. 12 3 ..... S. Wallington 1
LANGHORNE, 4 and Suffolk, 5. 12 0 ..... T. Wilmot 2
FURZEY COMMON (Mr. G. Parker), 5. 11 8 ..... A. Parker 3

Also ran: Off Side (Mr. Bowen) (4), Blind Hooley (Mr. Chadwick) (5), Mare Pico (F. Dobbin) (6), Monica's Lamb (G. Speck), Polchrania (Mr. F. G. Steed), Saverake (J. Nightingall), Fife and Sports (Mr. Anthony).

(Winner trained by Drewe.)

Betting—7–2 Blind Hooley and Off Side, 6–1 Langhorne, 7–1 Saverake and NEWGRANGE, 10–1 any other. Won by six lengths; a length between second and third.

2.30.—NOVICE STEEPLECHASE of £200. Two miles and about 50 yards.

BONNIE CAION, by Gallinule—Bonnie Strathyre (Mr. T. C. Metcalfe), 6. 10 ..... Mr. H. Hewson 1
LE VISO (Mr. R. Wills), 4. 10 5 ..... P. Cowley 2
CAION (Lord G. Cecil), 4. 11 3 ..... Jerry Anthony 3

Also ran: Ad. Ex. (E. Trowell), Glenside (F. Mason), Beaubridge (R. Hardwick), Allie (A. Anthony).

(Winner trained by Owner.)

Betting—Even 7–4 Bonnie Caion, 7–1 Glenside, 10–1 BONNIE CAION and others. Won by two lengths; bad third.

3.0.—OPEN STEEPLECHASE of £100. Three miles.

THE PILOT, by Great Wave—Rosella (Mr. R. H. Ruth), 8. 10 ..... Owner 1
JERRY M. (Mr. C. C. Assheton-Smith), 6. 12 ..... E. Driscoll 2

(Winner trained by Owner.)

Betting—2–1 THE PILOT. Won by a distance.

3.30.—HANTS MAIDEN HURDLE RACE of £150. Two miles.

MORETON, by Brantwood—Lady Banks (Mr. W. Nevill), 5. 11 6 ..... J. Hamilton 1
SPUME (Mr. J. Quayle), 5. 11 1 ..... Mr. H. S. Harrison 2
JONATHAN (Mrs. J. H. Charlton), 4. 11 ..... P. Gilman 3

Also ran: Cosy Moll (Mr. T. H. Steen), Stubbles (F. Borfield), Grenade (Mr. Rollason) (refused).

(Winner trained by Owner.)

Betting—2–1 Jonathan, 3–1 Moreton, 7–2 Spume, 10–1 MORETON and others. Won by half a length; four lengths divided second and third.

ENGLISH CUP DRAW.

MANY SOUTHERN TEAMS FARE WELL IN FIRST ROUND.

At a meeting of the Football Association Council at the offices of the association, 104, High Holborn, yesterday, the draw for the first round of the competition proper for the English Cup was made as follows:—

BLACKPOOL v. BARNSLEY. Referee, J. Baker (Nantwich).
NOTTS COUNTY v. BRADFORD CITY. Referee, J. Mason (Burslem).
WOOLWICH ARSENAL v. WATFORD. Referee, J. F. Schumacher (London).
CHELSEA v. HULL CITY. Referee, C. Bradley (Derby).
MIDDLESBROUGH v. EVERTON. Referee, J. H. Smith (Doncaster).
LEYTON v. NEW BROMPTON. Referee, C. C. Fallowfield (London).
BRADFORD v. BISHOP AUCKLAND or SOUTH BANK. Referee, A. Adams (Notts).
CHESTERFIELD v. FULHAM. Referee, Lieutenant W. Clover (Leicester).
WEST BROMWICH ALBION v. CLAPTON ORIENT. Referee, J. H. Pearson (Crewe).
GAINSBOROUGH TRINITY v. SOUTHEND UNITED. Referee, H. P. Lewis (Mexborough).
PRESTON NORTH END v. COVENTRY CITY. Referee, T. Garner (Barnsley).
BIRMINGHAM v. LEICESTER FOSSE. Referee, T. P. Campbell (Blackburn).
PLYMOUTH ARGYLE v. TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR. Referee, G. H. Muir (Hants).
WEST HAM UNITED v. MEXBOROUGH TOWN or CARLISLE UNITED. Referee, T. Kyle (Aylesbury).
WORKINGTON v. MANCHESTER CITY. Referee, H. S. Bamlett (Gateshead).
STOCKPORT COUNTY v. BOLTON WANDERERS. Referee, R. J. Patchford (Sheffield).
GRIMSBY TOWN v. BRISTOL ROVERS. Referee, T. J. Howlbotham (Notts).
READING v. WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS Referee, D. T. Dockerill (Beds).
SUNDERLAND v. LEEDS CITY. Referee, D. Hammond (Heywood).
DERBY COUNTY v. MILLWALL. Referee, J. Sykes (Cheshire).
NOTTS FOREST v. SHEFFIELD UNITED. Referee, J. T. Ibbotson (Derby).
BRISTOL CITY v. LIVERPOOL. Referee, A. W. McQue (London).
BRIGHTON AND HOVE ALBION v. SOUTHAMPTON. Referee, E. W. Child (London).
STOKE or EXETER CITY v. NEWCASTLE UNITED. Referee, J. W. Bailey (Leicester).
BURY v. GLOSSOP. Referee, W. Chadwick (Blackburn).
PORTSMOUTH v. CLAPTON or SHREWSBURY TOWN. Referee, C. W. Gillett (London).
NORWICH CITY v. QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS. Referee, L. Bullimer (Northants).
CRYSTAL PALACE v. SWINDON. Referee, G. L. Miller (Norfolk).
ACCRINGTON STANLEY v. BLACKBURN ROVERS. Referee, M. McQueen (Liverpool).
NORTHAMPTON TOWN v. SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY. Referee, W. Archer (Notts).
BURNLEY v. MANCHESTER UNITED. Referee, T. Field (Mexborough).
OLDHAM ATHLETIC v. ASTON VILLA. Referee, T. Kirkham (Burslem).

To be played on January 15; kick-off, 2.30.

NOTES ON THE TIES.

It will be seen that five of the chief clubs in London have been drawn to play on their respective home grounds, and every one of them has a capital chance of getting into the second series, though Swindon will doubtless run the Palace team very close indeed, while Chelsea must not "Hull" City any rope or they may be unpleasantly surprised.

Clapton Orient are set to meet another Second Division club in West Bromwich Albion, and the "Throstles" have so much the better record—to say nothing of having choice of ground—that the Orient seem doomed.

So, too, do Southend and Coventry City, but Fulham have more than an outside chance in their tie with Chesterfield, and the Spurs cannot surely regard Plymouth Argyle as an insurmountable barrier to further progress, albeit yesterday's performance was not such as to inspire confidence.

Reading may manage to hold their own with the Wolves at Elm Park, but Millwall will need to put their best foot foremost to escape defeat at Derby.

A fine struggle is promised by the pairing of Bristol City and Liverpool on the former's ground, and another close contest will doubtless be seen at Goldstone-road, where the Saints are due to meet Brighton.

Portsmouth appear to have an easy journey, and Queen's Park Rangers are so much superior in class to Norwich City that they should enter the second round, even though they are away from home. Last year's Southern League champions have a difficult hurdle to surmount in Sheffield Wednesday. This should be one of the best ties of the round.

OTHER BUSINESS.

With regard to the item on the agenda "re Manchester United F.C." it was decided that the president, Lord Kinnaird, the chairman (Mr. J. C. Clegg), Mr. Crump, Mr. Woottall, Mr. J. Lewis, and Mr. McKenna should be appointed a commission for the purpose of inquiring into the affairs of any club belonging to the F.A., to bring up a report on any matter requiring the consideration of the Association.

FINAL TO BE PLAYED AT THE PALACE

The council approved of the recommendation of the Finance Committee to play the semi final tie at the Crystal Palace, and authorised the sale of the Association to be the agreement, which was stated to be of a satisfactory character, though the terms of it were not published.

It was decided that if a club demands a fee as a condition of cancelling the registration of an amateur player under Form 1, the form will be cancelled on the fact being reported to the Football Association.

Permission was given for the following benefit matches:—Notts County, for a Derby, Fulham, and R. Crawthorne, to be augmented in each case by £150 Bolton, Swansea, at Bolton Park on December 27, for local charities; Grantham Avenue, for H. Beck; Derby County, to collect for the Derbyshire Infirmary; Norwich City, The Church v. The Stage to be played at Carrow on December 13, for Christmas dinners for destitute children; Clapton F.C., for W. Greenwood, Sheffield United, for W. Brownsword; Clapton Orient, to make a collection for the Queen's Hospital for Children.

The council agreed that a period of suspension during the term of service is to be deducted in the case of a player entitled to a benefit.

The New Zealand and Californian Associations were affiliated.

As recommended by the Finance Committee, it was agreed that a grant of £65 5s. be made to the Middlesex F.A. in substitution for that of £50 previously recommended.

THE PLAYERS' UNION.

The report of the officers published some weeks ago in temporary settlement of the trouble with the Players' Union was received and adopted by the council, but not unanimously, various members reserving their right to go at the special general meeting in regard to the financial proposalons, though endorsing the remainder of the report.

A further resolution proposed by Mr. Simmons was passed authorising the officers to draft a memorandum explanatory of the proposals to be submitted to the general meeting and supply a copy to each member of the association entitled to vote.

A proposal by Mr. Chapman that the officers should take steps to ascertain the views of clubs and professional players of the League and the Southern League as to the proposal to remove the financial restrictions from the rules of the association was also carried.

ALL SORTS OF SPORT.

Gordon Hoare, the Wednesday Arsenal amateur centre forward, and R. G. Lattimore, of West Norwood, have signed forms for Glossop.

In the semi-final round of the mixed doubles in the London Business League, Miss Eaton and Mr. Bryant beat the Crystal Palace by 5 matches to 4.

The replayed cup tie in the divisional final of the Amateur Cup between Tufnell Park and Wood Green Town will be played on the Barnsbury Park ground on Saturday, kick-off two o'clock. The tie will have to be played to a finish.

At a meeting of the Football League, which was held yesterday at the Imperial Hotel, the match on November 27 between Oldham Athletic and Lincoln City, which was stopped ten minutes before time owing to darkness, was put for consideration. The advertised time for the kick-off was 2.45, but they had been ready to start the charities for some time, and the committee were of opinion that the kick-off should have been made at 2.30. Oldham Athletic were fined £5 for offence.

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LEYTON GO DOWN.

MILLWALL GAIN TWO POINTS IN BRISK GAME.

Both Leyton and Millwall had nearly full teams doing duty for the London League match at the High-road enclosure yesterday. It proved to be a brisk game, in which Leyton were superior in the first half and Millwall the better side in the second moiety. By determined methods the visitors gained a well-deserved victory by 3 goals to 1.

The ground was in a wretched state, but the players overcame the adverse conditions well, and from the beginning the game was full of life.

The home forwards combined splendidly, the wing men especially being prominent. Renneville played a dashing game at centre forward, but he was well looked after by the Millwall defenders.

Morrison was the pick of a good set of half-backs, but there was little to choose between Newton and Busby, for they both put in a lot of sound play, and Whitbourne gave another fine exhibition in goal.

Of the visitors, Wilson at centre half easily outshone his colleagues. He opened out the game splendidly, and fed his forwards admirably.

Both sides attacked in turn following the kick-off, but mid-field play was the feature for several minutes. Leyton eventually got away, and Renneville threatened danger with some dashing sports.

Millwall, however, got into swing, and Twigg caused Whitbourne to save at full length from a splendid drive that deserved to score.

Leyton then settled