

SPENSER'S NECK IN
RIGHT PLACE.EARLY RECOMPENSE FOR
LORD SUFFOLK.

TO-DAY'S £500 "SELLER."

It is not in Birmingham's usual line to supply the only racing of the week, and though the sport yesterday was not very important, it went with an unusually good swing for a Monday. Backers have had little to grumble at since Doncaster, and every winter had support.

Spenser had been none too fortunate to be beaten a neck by The Forest at Windsor, but the presence of the much improved Kiltor in the field for the Sutton Handicap enabled the favourite's many supporters to trade at eight odds against him.

Spenser was owned by the cross-country enthusiast, Lord Suffolk—won cleverly by a neck when resisting Kiltor's challenge.

Kingslere depends a good deal on minor events these days, and it was obvious that the Duke of Portland's Boxer was well treated in the nursery. Here again, however, a fancy for Foxhunter, who made little show, and the recent trial winner, Set Square, guaranteed the useful odds of 3 to 1, which will be appreciated by those who support a "nap" and "best bet" in a double.

Simple needs strong handling, and Donoghue had a pleasant chance mount in the sprint on young Sam Darling's charge.

£500 selling handicap is the chief event this afternoon. I prefer Niatavah, who will appreciate the long run in, to the higher-weighted Harbottle's Fox and Kiltor. Harbottle has apparently not been sent from Newmarket, but Spenser, who won last time out, and Starboard Light strike me as two of the best handicapped of the lot.

THE SCOUT.

BIRMINGHAM CARD.

"THE SCOUTS" SELECTIONS.

2.0—Double Fluke (n.b.)	3.30—Sparkies (fab. Starboard Light)
2.30—Carlos (n.b.)	4.0—Amos (n.b.)
3.0—Rosavil (n.b.)	4.30—Naughty Girl (n.b.)

WHAT THE "BOOK" SAYS.

2.0—Pean	3.30—Sparkies
2.30—Brunswick	4.0—Amos
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NEWMARKET'S BEST.

2.0—Pean	4.0—Lady Allison
2.30—Carlos	4.30—Naughty Girl
3.0—Disguise	

BIRMINGHAM DETAILS.

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FIRST ROUND OF
THE LONDON CUP.SURPRISING DEFEAT OF
CHELSEA.

AMATEURS' GOOD SHOW.

There was plenty of football in London yesterday, no fewer than seven ties in the London Challenge Cup being decided. Three amateur clubs in Dulwich Hamlet, Tufnell Park, and Nunhead were engaged against powerful professional clubs, and it was not surprising that all of them lost.

The heaviest defeat of the three was that of Tufnell Park, who lost to the Arsenal by 6-0. It is only fair to mention that the amateurs had four only of their regular players, the remainder having joined the forces. Nunhead did well to run the Spurs so closely as 2-0, and Dulwich Hamlet have no cause to worry about a 1-0 defeat by the Crystal Palace, who only lost the Southern League championship last year on goal average.

In the games between professional eleven Crofton Common were the heaviest losers, West Ham running through them 5-1. Millwall presented a better fight, but a 3-1 defeat, mainly through Davis' instrumentality. Perhaps the most surprising result was the subduing of Chelsea by Queen's Park Rangers, 2-0, and even Ham's knock-out by Brentford by a similar score.

RAMPAGEOUS DAVIS.

MILLWALL CENTRE FORWARD
PLAYS WITH ORIENT.

By CENTAUR.

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STOCK EXCHANGE
GOSSIP.INQUIRIES FOR SPECULATIVE
SHARES.

While there was little business done yesterday in the high-class securities for which the Stock Exchange committee has fixed minimum prices, it was remarked that the inquiries for speculative shares are becoming more numerous. This is particularly noticeable in regard to oil shares, which for some time past have been the brightest spot in the unofficial markets. Among the shares inquired for yesterday were Spies, at 100s. and 110s., and North Caucasians at 25s. Industrials are by no means neglected, despite the postponement or passing, in some cases, of dividends.

PEARSON AND KNOWLES.

Shareholders in the Pearson and Knowles Coal and Iron Company were prepared for a poor report by the reduction in the ordinary dividend from 8 to 5 per cent. Last year's profits came down from £118,000 to £38,800, and £20,000, as compared with £20,000 in place of the reserve. The company's trade in all departments steadily declined, but as soon as the war broke out the sudden cessation of German competition proved a relief in many directions, and fortunately the company had at its disposal the resources of the allied Parnett, steel and iron works. The outlook, however, gives rise to anxiety owing to the general dislocation of trade.

CANTRELL'S SOLO.

"SPURS SCRAPE THROUGH IN
TIE WITH NUNHEAD."

By THE TEMPLAR.

Nunhead 1, Tottenham Hotspur 2.

As was only to be expected, the "Spurs" beat Nunhead in the first round of the London Challenge Cup. Tottenham Hotspur, though the margin was but the slender one of 2 goals to 1. The First League, however, were more comfortably than the second.

There was, unfortunately, the better side, but they displayed a decided tendency to over-ambition and an equally decided failure to finish off excellent combined movements. In anything like a determined manner, those who were in the thick of the game, after the visitors had led well into the second half, were unable to score. The result was a tie, and the score was 1-1.

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