PROFITS FROM 26 RACECOURSES.

PRE-WAR DIVIDEND OF 7½ PER CENT. ONLY.

INDISCREET SECRECY.

If you make a mystery of anything you practically ask for uninformed criticism. This remark applies to the views aired by some owners and breeders of the profits made by racecourse companies. The views cannot be substantiated by facts. The policy, however, of not publishing profit and loss accounts of racecourse meetings and only complying with a Jockey Club order that an annual balance-sheet shall be forwarded for their inspection compels the would-be reformer often to grope in the dark.

The Jockey Club apparently believes that the profit and loss account is only the business of the racecourse executive and their shareholders, for they do not even publish a balance-sheet of their own affairs as racecourse owners at Newmarket.

It is well known that only racecourses licensed since a certain period are restricted to a 10 per cent. dividend. The result is that Epsom (controlled by the Grand Stand Association), Ascot, Goodwood (where the Duke of Richmond rules), Newmarket, Doncaster (run by the corporation), and dozens of other old-established meetings are only limited nominally if the Jockey Club chooses to clip their wings.

NOTABLE EXCEPTIONS.

But I have counted figures which show that twenty-six English meetings could only average about a 7½ per cent. dividend during the last pre-war racing year. Naturally since then there has been a severe slump before this victory season, for most of the courses were closed down altogether for several years. Profits have certainly been in excess this year of the 1913 figures—at least, it is safe to assume they are, for permission to pay bonuses for back losses have been given.

The aggregate figures for the twenty-six courses were: Capital, £1,321,150; mortgages and debentures, £180,837; normal dividends paid (1913), £113,309 (average about 7½ per cent.).

These statistics are compiled from the financial statements of Ayr, Alexandra Park, Birmingham, Derby, Doncaster, Epsom, Folkestone, Gatwick, Harpenden, Hoddesdon Park, Hurst Park, Kempton Park, Leicester, Lewes, Lincoln, Lingfield, Liverpool, Manchester, Newbury, Nottingham, Redcar, Ripon, Sandown Park, Warwick, Windsor, and Wolverhampton.

The most notable exceptions are Newmarket, Ascot (where the stakes are so rich), Goodwood, Newcastle, Stockton, York, and Brighton. Goodwood, York, and Stockton have of comparatively recent years expended great sums in new stands and modern accommodation, and it is to be assumed there is no profiteering at Newmarket.

Lord Glanely, who is now a steward of the Leicester meeting, always likes to win races in the midlands. A good thing in Lincoln's cap was from a moderate opposition in the opening sprint at Leicester yesterday. Colonel Prior "Checked" his present form in preparation with Pirouette. The filly is trained by Ben Day, who served as a captain under his new patron in Mesopotamia, where Mr. Alfred Day's son trained the winners which were steered in person by his C.O.

COUP GOES ASTRAY.

Another subtler to score yesterday was Colonel Story, who is a Nottingham man. John Dawson is a remarkable trainer of long shots, and Silver Stream rarely upset calculations. One of the runners in this setting nursery has been named Lodge, and his owner glories in the original colours of Air Force Lieut. Bob Day (artist sleeves and cap).

Major Clayton's Fellon, who disappointed at Lincoln, now turned up to interfere with a projected little coup with Viaduct, who won a bagful up at the offices. Another poor effort like Jacket was to the fore when Mr. Howard's Geometry set a light penalty at defiance. Little Butters has done well in this class of event of late, and the executive would do well indeed to nur... the extraordinary Gan Sizz, at this stage of the season. Attorney General (Major Wilson's Service Kit was third). Mr. Howard, of Willonyx fame, can, however, probably thank Lord Wilton for the spoils, as the owner of Incense (who had, through an error, been handicapped at a stone too little) was sporting enough to withdraw the obvious form horse.

"Rugby" has not been among the goods of late, but he managed to pick up a small event for Lady Farrar with King Attrd. By the way, I believe it is Sir Abe Bailey's present intention to run Alaunus in the Derby Cup on Friday. Some numbers (?) are wrong in crediting Planet with a penalty for this race. He scores one, but carries one extra in the Manchester November Handicap.

THE SCOUT.

LEICESTER DETAILS.

1.0—GORDON HANDICAP. Six furlongs.
LANCASTRIAN (Lord Glanely), 3, 7 5.....A. Wheeler 1
KIT (Major Wilson), 4, 8 11.....Bruce, 4, 7 3 Tiger Bay .....Crickmore 2
SUNNY VISTA (Mr. H. Hall), 6, 6 12.....H. Dawson 3
Also ran: Lodmoss Bungay (G. Hulme), Hampton Gazette, Simon the Cellarer (A. Smyth), Albabar (Cook). On 3.32. Bailing, Newmarket.

2.0—LANCHVILL, 11—4 on Bungalgilh, 6 Cousins Bungay, 8 Sunny Vista, 100—8 others. Three lengths; six lengths.

2.0—TOWN PLATE. Five furlongs.
KIPPER (Mr. T. Tyler), 4, 8 9.....J. Leach 1
ANDRETTI (Mr. T. Tyler), 4, 8.....J. Shawell 2
Hoodwink (Mr. M. Isaac), 4, 8.....F. Childs 3
Off 2.32. (Any Friends).
8 P.—2-1 PIROSHIK, 11—4 Andretti, 5 Hoodwink. Five lengths, head.

2.30—NOVEMBER SELLING NURSERY HANDICAP. Six furlongs.
SILVER STREAM (Col. Story), 4, 8 1.....J. Leach 1
HANNONZIO (Mrs. A. James), 7, 7.....F. Hurley 2
NAELLAC (Mr. W. Dixon), 7, 4.....A. Robbins 3
Also ran: Gossip (E. Wheeler), The Slasher (Mr. Jones), Ashbede (G. Collier), Lodge (F. Jones), Sportilloy (P. Lane), Lady Charity (W. Smyth), Trenham (A. Gaunt), Cudas (A. Wheeler), Sergeant (Smiseon), The Crown (J. Field), Bedine (W. Bulling), Bale (A. Smyth). Off 2.38. J. Dawson, Newmarket.
8 P.—2-1 Bedine, 6 The Crown, 7 Ashbede, 8 each Gossip, Lady Charity, Trenham, Sergeant, Hannonzio, Silver Stream, 100—8 SILVER STREAM and others. Three quarters of a length; short head.

3.0—ATHERSTONE HANDICAP. One and a half miles.
FELIM (Major E. Clayton), 3, 7 10.....A. Wheeler 1
MADUCE (Commander Ward), 3, 7.....E. Crickmore 2
THOWD NOSE (Lord Glanely), 3, 8 8.....J. Smith 3
Also ran: Lord Gaga (F. Templeman), Gossip (Major Gash), Finchale (W. Smyth), The Gunrah (G. Southwell), Saintly Maude (A. Smyth), Wimpstead Magnetic, Marcato (P. Jones). Off 3.7. S. Darling, Newmarket.
8 P.—4-1 FELIM, 6—2 Finchale, 5 Trowlebridge, 8 Good Game, Marcato, The Gunrah, 10 Viaduct, 100—6 others. Two lengths; length and a half.

3.30—GADBY HANDICAP. Five furlongs.
GEOMETRY (Mr. C. Howard), 7, 7.....Garnett 1
THAISE (Major E. Wahlen), 6 13 Crickmore 2
SERVICE KIT (Capt. Harvey), 7, 1.....Jones 3
Also ran: Kopi Argent (J. Tennyson), Polyander (Cousins), Light Hope (R. Pigott), Orbiliac (W. Smyth), Spider Lass (W. Bulling), Fleshrider (A. Dalton), Little Colt (Slade). Off 3.36. Butters, Newmarket.
8 P.—11-4 GEOMETRY, 3 Orbiliac, 4 Service Kit, 8 Thaise, Spider Lass, Polyander, Light Hope, 10 Fraise, 100—6 others. Three lengths; three-quarters of a length.

4.0—SHILTON PLATE. One mile.
KING STORM (Lady Farrar), 3, 8 2.....Whaller 1
GOLDEN OLIVER (Mr. H. Peace), 4, 9 1 Carslake 2
SANTARIUM (Mr. R. Cohen), 5, 8 1.....Jones 3
Also ran: Sultram Bailli, Dandy Ro, Collier Liner (Wheeler), Natwell Cotton. Off 4.5. R. Day, Newmarket.
8 P.—3 Santarium, 5—2 Golden Oliver, 6 KING STORM, Dandy Ro, 10 others. Head; five lengths.

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LEICESTER CARD.

"THE SCOUT'S" SELECTIONS.

1.30.—Maroon
2.0.—Main Royal
2.30.—The Speaker
3.0.—Pot Herb (nap)
3.30.—Ocean Light
3.55.—Lahloo

WHAT THE "BOOK" SAYS.

1.30.—Black Peter
2.0.—Halston Belle
2.30.—The Speaker
3.0.—Pot Herb
3.30.—Ocean Light
3.55.—Lahloo

NEWMARKET'S BEST.

1.30.—Markeaton
2.0.—Marl
2.30.—Druff Bridge
3.30.—Loppy
3.55.—Lahloo (good)

"SUNDAY EXPRESS."

2.0.—Marl for Sally Crag.
3.30.—Loppy for Longston.

1.30—HUMBERSTONE SELLING PLATE of £300 (two-year-olds). 6 FUR. st lb
331 Black Peter (Mr. G. Davis) .....B. Davis 8 0
111 Marcon (Mr. T. Egerton) .....Poole 8 11
000 Sunbyrama (Mr. Leslie) .....H. Ball 8 11
THE ABOVE HAVE ARRIVED.
000 Wattonite (Mr. A. Chetwood) .....Leach 9 0
011 Bit of a Lad (Mr. W. Hall) .....Elms 9 0
013 Zarilla colt (Mr. H. W. Gledhill) .....Sherwood 9 0
000 Markeaton (Mr. R. Bagett) .....Gilpin 9 0
00 Lell colt (Mr. Parkin) .....Pickering 9 0
200 Mons Sacra (Mr. R. Holborn) .....A. Day 9 0
014 Rigolo (Mrs. Vergnani) .....Hughes 9 0
Wessome Lady (Mr. J. Rose) .....Private 9 0
151 Heimonick (Mr. A. Calvert) .....G. Waugh 9 0
000 Saintly Lily (Mr. H. Dobbs) .....Private 9 0
200 Look Ahead (Mr. G. Marsh) .....Godley 9 11
0 Grosch (Mr. A. Morris) .....Elms 9 11
040 Lovely Maude (Mr. H. Scott) .....Parkes 8 11

2.0—CLOCK TOWER HANDICAP PLATE of £400. 1 M. 7st st lb
400 Main Royal (Mr. Lester) .....M. Bell 4 8 12
430 Thermogene (Mr. J. McLean) .....J. Mellugan 4 7 9
031 Halston Belle (Mr. W. Smith) (5th ex) .....Page 5 7 2
130 Back Alee (Mr. Court) .....G. Young 6 7 7
000 Saintly Maude (Mr. Court) .....G. Young 2 6 0
THE ABOVE HAVE ARRIVED.
301 Tom Powrie (Mrs. H. Cazzer) (10th ex) .....Leach 4 9 1
105 Santa Cruz (Lord Derby) .....Lambton 5 9 0
032 Sally Crag (Mr. G. W. Smith) .....McCormack 7 8 6
4 Z Z (Mr. T. Miles) .....H. Jarvis 4 8 0
312 Marl (Mr. W. Cockill) .....H. Jarvis 4 8 1
000 Tunworth (Mr. H. Bradford) .....Private 4 7 12
100 Rosbiste (Mr. R. Wilson) .....Wilson 3 7 13
020 French Welfare (Mr. A. Boyd) .....L. Leader 7 7 10
020 Lady Shell (Mr. W. Bland) .....Elms 7 7 10
000 Bare Off (Mr. J. McLean) .....J. Mellugan 4 7 0
314 Landowner (Mr. G. Hammersly) .....Private 4 7 0
201 Zax (Mr. J. Ledger) .....Land 5 6 7

2.30—HARBOROUGH HANDICAP of £400. 5 FURL. yrs st lb
001 The Speaker (Mr. T. McGuffie) (One ex) .....Cull 4 9 11
451 Bank Alert (Mr. J. Wilkie) .....Cull 4 9 11
410 Vanilla (Mr. G. Carlton) .....Page 4 7 12
323 Green Guard (Mr. Dorm) .....Burns 6 7 7
011 Home Fire (Mr. T. McAlpine) (7th ex) .....Hyams 5 7 6
423 Double Dew (Mr. R. Broughton) .....Ferguson 4 7 3
601 Lancelot (Lord Glanely) (7lb ex) .....Bolling 5 7 0
THE ABOVE HAVE ARRIVED.
031 Bull Bridge (Mr. G. Noble) (7lb ex) .....Dawkins 5 8 0
130 Wiccall (Mr. G. Noble) .....Dawkins 4 8 1
010 Lady Juliet (Lord Glanely) .....Darling 3 7 10
0 Lord Archer (Mr. H. Leigh) .....Leigh 6 7 7
202 Lady Sybilla (Lord C. Montagu-Bell) .....F. Harrison 4 7 6
514 Rivers (Mr. H. Rhodes) .....Coldrick 4 7 5
000 Gerard (Mr. J. Jones) .....Holland 5 7 5
000 Milton (Mr. J. Davis) .....A. Baxter 4 6 13

3.0—LEICESTERSHIRE NOVEMBER SELLING HANDICAP of £400. 1½ M. yrs st lb
001 Rockpile (Mr. T. Edgar) (7lb ex) .....Poole 4 9 4
103 Pot Herb (Mr. F. Brown) .....F. Brown 5 8 9
150 Black Alee (Mr. Court) .....G. Young 6 8 0
510 Little Charlie (Mr. G. Hammond) .....C. Hall 4 8 7
202 Neil Orl (Mr. F. Bassett) .....Hyams 3 8 2
205 Brandshipe (Mr. S. Rodinson) .....J. Brosick 6 8 0
552 Blackton Joe (Mr. S. Mercer) .....Private 7 7 4
THE ABOVE HAVE ARRIVED.
300 Steady Bill (Mr. W. Turnbull) .....Burns 4 9 0
00 Jonal (Mr. H. Bish) .....Slevin 4 8 0
201 Zea (Mr. Ledger) .....Land 4 8 1
025 Mr. Yves (Mr. H. Bacal) .....Private 6 8 5

3.30—APETHORPE NURSERY HANDICAP of £300. 6 FUR. st lb
202 Ocean Light (Mr. G. Rodgers) .....Brewing 7 9
000 Tulamore (Mr. F. Hilton) .....Harry Powney 7 0
033 Bepom (Mr. A. Wilson) .....H. Bellingham 7 0
001 Lesbaton (Lord Chelmsford) .....F. Barding 7 8
030 Captivating Stella (Mr. T. Nolan) .....R. Collins 7 8
701 Cha Ja Serraxy (Sir H. Fitzherbert) .....Page 7 7
000 Mannesing (Mr. Leslie) .....Dell 7 6
000 Quintin (Mr. T. Hughes) .....Land 6 12
013 Chateauyaute yellow (Mr. J. Leigh) .....Leader 6 10
THE ABOVE HAVE ARRIVED.
023 Black Domino (Mr. G. Gordon) .....Hulme 9 0
335 Longstop (Mr. Sol Joel) .....Lester 9 0
011 Hybrient (Lord Glanely) .....Darling 8 13
041 Lia Holmes (Mr. R. Jeffreys) (12th ex) .....Da Silva 8 9
000 Bracket (Mrs. G. Robinson) .....R. Day 8 6
201 Lapon (Major E. Clayton) .....S. Darling 8 1
011 Tanny Girl (Mr. Sydney) (7th ex) .....Morris 8 1
234 Pagan Fairies (Lady Wilton) .....H. Leader 8 0
350 Cial (Mr. F. Mattingly) .....Page 8 0
002 Saintly Shower (Mr. G. Noble) .....Dewhurst 7 12
110 Dragon Fly (Mr. D. Broughton) .....Ferguson 7 11
000 Westbyte (Lord Belfast) .....R. Day 7 11
010 Dark Jess (Mr. G. Marsh) .....Godfrey 7 11
302 Time Expired (Mr. T. Jackson) .....G. Waugh 7 10
00 Penny Farthing (Mr. W. Higgins) .....Wootton 7 10
000 Dublin (Mme. M. Vergnati) .....Bentley 7 9
000 Vimo (Mr. R. Hewitt) .....Wilkinson 7 9
000 Hopeck (Mr. E. Hardy) .....Hoss 7 7
000 Hendon (Mr. R. L. Kelsey) .....Rose 7 5
121 Helpmate (Mr. Chivers) .....Wauch 7 4
020 Peak's Lesson (Mr. E. Fairweather) .....B. Jarvis 7 4
032 Chelster (Mr. W. Brown) .....Lees 7 4
000 Prince (Lord Howard de Walden) .....G. Waugh 7 1
000 Mystery (Mr. F. Hilton) .....F. Hartigan 7 1
000 Gleis (Mr. G. Wood) .....Page 7 0
000 Aspectic (Mr. R. Peck-Ayll) .....Peck 7 0
000 Pen Selling (Mr. G. Franklin) .....Cowen 6 7
020 Rolette (Mr. G. Lewis) .....Holford 6 7

3.55—GOODYEAR MAIDEN PLATE of £300. 1 M. 3 FUR. yrs st lb
Milkwater (Mr. T. Hewitt) .....H. Hunt 4 9 4
010 Catawampus (Mr. W. Bullock) .....Cundell 4 9 4
201 King Alfred (Lady Farrar) (7lb ex) .....R. Day 3 8 13
000 Lisenna (Mr. G. Carlton) .....Page 3 8 9
THE ABOVE HAVE ARRIVED.
01 Royal Hussar (Mr. F. Hartigan) (7lb ex) .....F. Hartigan 3 9 6
Savant (Mr. F. Brown) .....F. Brown 3 9 4
Field Gun (Lord Fitzwilliam) .....S. Darling 4 9 4
Silent Sands (Mr. G. Sergeant) .....Sandys 3 9 4
0 Glastening (Mr. E. Weed) .....Private 3 9 4
001 Sybilla (Mr. L. Fetterlolf) .....Bottrill 3 9 4
034 Miss Madrian (Mr. W. Dixon) .....Lees 3 9 1
030 Gee Gosh! (Mr. F. Mont) .....Page 3 9 1
Netherbed (Mr. H. Merrison) .....Private 3 9 1
Penhome (Mr. Fellenbel) .....Private 3 8 9
2 Lahloo (Lord Glanely) .....Darling 3 8 8

HANDYMAN SUBSTITUTE.

LOUIS RUDDICK OUTPOINTED BY SEAMAN HAYES.

Seaman Arthur Hayes, of Hoxton, acted as substitute for Charlie Stone, off Taff's Well, yesterday afternoon at Holton Baths, and completely outpointed Louis Ruddick in a fifteen-rounds boxing contest.

Ruddick, short of training, was outclassed from the start, though at times his counters were landed with great force. After a few rounds Hayes sent home a left hook which caused Ruddick to double up and cover for the rest of the session. Subsequently Hayes made the body his objective, and lefts and rights frequently placed Ruddick in danger, but he cleverly slipping his man and covering up he succeeded in staying off.

During a strenuous rally at close quarters in the fourteenth round Ruddick's head accidentally came in contact with his rival's left eye. Hayes claimed a foul, which was disallowed. Eventually Hayes won easily on points.

WITHOUT A PUNCH.

The twenty rounds contest between Seaman Hall of Chatham and Tod Moore of Plymouth at the Ring yesterday afternoon ended in a draw.

There was scarcely a thrill throughout, owing to the fact that neither of the boxers possesses a real punch. Hall gives every appearance of hitting power, being plentifully muscled about the shoulders, in most vulnerable spots. He tried hard to land a heavy punch, and often reached the jaw apparently hard enough to do the trick.

The Plymouth boxer, however, was always jabbing away with his left, and the drawn verdict scarcely did justice to the frequency with which he got home.

THE OLD GUARD.

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR BECKETT.

COPY OF STADIUM RING BUILT AT STANMORE.

CLEVER TACTICS.

Georges Carpentier has lost no time in resuming training for the fight of his life on December 4 at the Holborn Stadium with Joe Beckett.

"Thorough" is plainly the motto of the French camp. Carpentier arrived in England late on Thursday night last. Friday was devoted to removing the rib and shoulder soreness and stiffness bequeathed to the Frenchman by the enthusiastic crowd that met him at Charing Cross. On Saturday he attended the football match at Highbury between The Arsenal and Bolton Wanderers.

On Sunday I paid a surprise visit to Carpentier's training quarters at Stanmore, and received as great a surprise as I think I gave. Gone was the ring in which Pal Moore and Eddie McGoarty trained for their contests with Jimmy Wilde and Joe Beckett. In its place I saw one which is larger in every respect, and an exact duplicate of the ring at the Holborn Stadium in which Carpentier will face Beckett.

"Ah, you are surprised," cried M. Descamps, Carpentier's friend and trainer.

"It is a little what-you-call ... or nine, to be exact." Then he explained that on Saturday he went to the Holborn Stadium and measured with the greatest care the ring there, and by Sunday morning had built a reproduction of it. There is no need to enlarge on what this clever move means to Carpentier. Attention to other details that may have a great influence on the result of the fight was also clear to the man who can use his eyes.

Two Frenchmen's boxing partners have been selected with the same thoughtfulness as that shown in the reproduction of the Stadium ring. Each man is as nearly as possible a physical double of Beckett, but if they are treated as mercilessly as he treats his regular sparring partner, Lecouvreux, they will earn every penny, and more, of the liberal payment they have been promised. I will not mention the sum, as it might lead to a stampede of heavy-weight trial tackle to Stanmore, and cause Beckett to be stranded for sparring partners.

Carpentier stripped for exercise looked a picture of physical condition, and his appearance bore out the statement made to me by Lecouvreux last Thursday that Carpentier was fit to take the ring now. In his sparring or, to be exact, his fighting with his Belgian partner he showed he has lost nothing of his prewar speed and dash, while his punch looked as devastating as ever.

As some indication of his fitness, I may mention that I saw him in the intervals between his rounds of sparring turn handsprings in the ring and jump over the top rope of the ring backwards and forwards! He looks so wound up, in fact, that if his training was being supervised by a man less shrewd and experienced than M. Descamps I should unhesitatingly predict his going stale before December 4.

I left Stanmore very deeply impressed by Carpentier's work. Very!

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CHELTENHAM JUMPING.

"THE SCOUT'S" SELECTIONS.

1.15.—Irish Rebellion
2.0.—Red Mike
2.30.—Tuttiman
3.0.—Galican (if abs. Neillgherry)
3.30.—Hagiology
4.0.—Charlbury

CHELTENHAM RESULTS.

1.15—SOUTHERN SELLING HURDLE. Two miles.
ST. MARY (Mr. H. Berg), 4, 11 3.....V. Doller 1
WILLING (Mr. T. F. Bennett), 5, 12 3.....Mr. F. B. Rees 2
ROCKCORRY (Mr. F. Brown), 5, 11 6.....Mr. F. Roberts 3
Also ran: Birland (J. Leal), Baragenie (G. M. Gower), Mind the Paint (Mr. Hollier). Off 1.15. Gower, Epsom.
8 P.—2-1 Rockcorry, 3 each Willing and Mind the Paint, 7—2 ST. MARY, 10 others. Three-parts of a length; two lengths. Winner bought in for 170gs.

2.0—CLEEVE STEEPLECHASE. Two miles.
RATHLEAGUE (Major H. Peel), a. 11 6.....G. Smith 1
BALLINAGOUL (Mr. H. Watson), a. 11 7.....R. Gordon 2
WARBINE (Mr. A. Chamberlain), a. 11 11.....Mr. J. Smythe 3
Off 2.0. H. Escott, Epsom.
8 P.—4-9 RATHLEAGUE, 3 Ballinagoul, 6 Warbine, Eight lengths; bad. Winner sold to Mr. A. B. Rose for 200gs.

2.30—AMATEUR RIDERS' HANDICAP. Two miles.
SHINING MORE (Mr. H. Bird), 6, 11 2.....Mr. J. C. Bilstow 1
STARGAZER (Capt. W. Pepper), 11 6 Owner 2
TEMPSIDE (Mr. T. Walker), 4 9 11.....Mr. S. E. Lloyd 3
Also ran: Hollins Lane (Lord Burghley), Tricolor (Mr. J. Davis), W.W. (Mr. P. Roberts), Aperitif (Capt. Beaumont), Double Deck (Mr. F. B. Rees), Elkan (Mr. Gibson), Abyssinia (Mr. J. P. Jones). Off 2.31. F. Gwyn, Lambourn.
8 P.—6-2 Double Deck, 3 Stargazer, 4 SHINING MORE, 5 W.W., 6 Hollins Lane, 100—8 others. Three-parts of a length; bad.

3.0—COTSWOLD STEEPLECHASE. Three miles.
FOND LUCY (Mr. R. Hartley), a. 12 7.....L. Harland 1
KAFUE (Mr. C. Nicholson), a. 12.....A. Newy 2
TOM FAGGUS (Mr. H. Adamthwaite), a. 11 7.....Mr. P. Roberts 3
Also ran: Sanspareil (T. Garner), Tomjobar (T. Cann), Everyman (L. Goodman), Limerick Lad (Mr. H. J. Taylor). Off 3.6. Tinker, Malton.
8 P.—4-1 FOND LUCY, 7—2 Kafue, 6 Tomjobar, 8 each Limerick Lad and Everyman, 9 Tom Faggus and Sanspareil. Three lengths; bad.

3.30—CHELTENHAM HANDICAP. Two miles 100 yards.
IRISH REBELLION (Mr. P. A. Brown), 6, 10 8.....Mr. P. Roberts 1
BALLYMENDEL (Lt.-Col. T. Parti), a. 10 13.....Ivor Anthony 2
MARK BACK (Mr. E. Will), a. 11 11.....H. Smythe 3
Also ran: The Fly III. (H. Gordon), Prior Hazard (W. Payne), Eclaireur (Mr. P. Rees). Off 3.31. Owner, Moreton-in-the-Marsh.
8 P.—Evens, Tinker Bonzard, 4 The Fly III., 6 IRISH REBELLION, 9 others. Six lengths; half a length.

4.0—ROSEHILL NOVICES' THREE-YEAR-OLD HANDICAP. One mile and a half.
PROCURATOR (Mr. G. Bullough), 11 5.....Ivor Anthony 1
GAYBELLE (Mr. M. Inman), 10 8.....P. Davis 2
MONTDIDIER (Mr. E. Cabitcell), 11.....T. Dunn 3
Also ran: Eothen (A. Newey), Dark Marie (H. Roberts), Venington Chief (R. Burford), Ou-me (E. Pavely), St. George (A. Stubbs). Off 4.0. Hon. A. Hastings, Wrenthorpe.
8 P.—3-1 PROCURATOR, 7—2 Gaybelle, 5 Eothen, 8 Montdidier, 10 others. Neck; length. An objection to Procurator on the ground of bumping and boring was overruled.

AMATEUR SOCCER DOINGS.

ARE HAMLET LONDON'S BEST TEAM?

Supporters of Dulwich Hamlet are convinced that their club is the best amateur soccer team in London, and the team strengthened that belief on Saturday by defeating Tufnell Park in a semi-final of the London Charity Cup at Champion Hill by the big margin of 5—0.

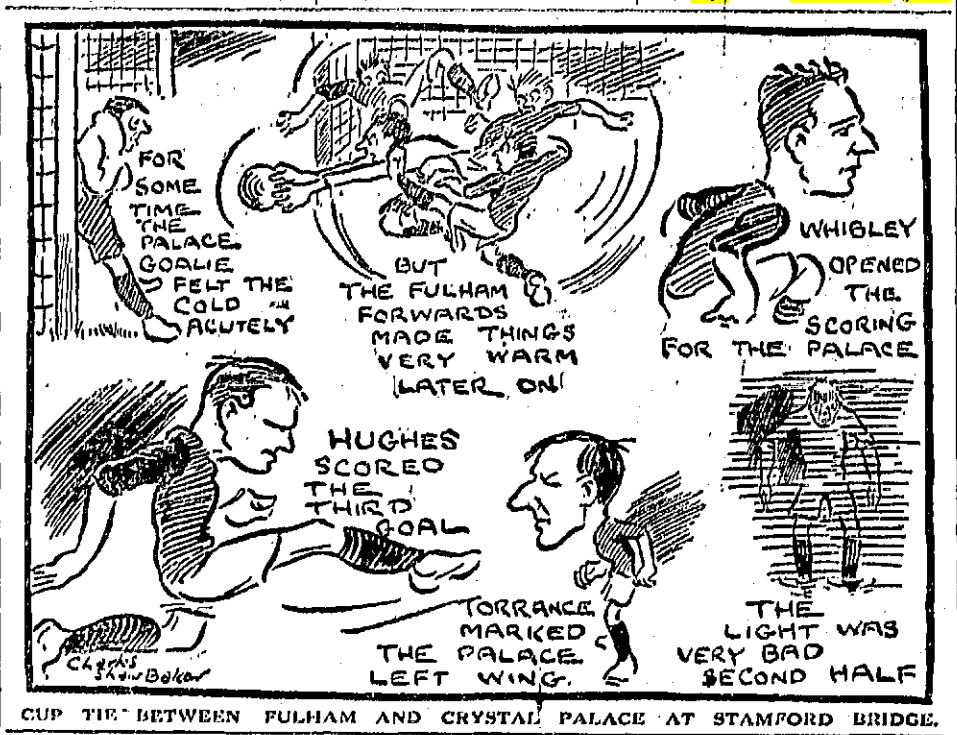
Most of the spectators would agree, however, that the visitors did not deserve to be so far in arrears, for they started remarkably well, and Coleman had six or

Other Sport will be found on Page EIGHT.

seven shots to negotiate in the first ten minutes. Then came an unexpected goal for the Hamlet, and for the remainder of the first half the Park were unable to recover from this setback.

This goal, which really decided the issue, followed a clearance by Lewis, who had left his charge to go up. Unfortunately for him, the ball went broad high to Nicol, who let it rebound off his body into a vacant net. Kail followed with a dash through the backs and a typical Kail goal, and Nicol added two more before the interval.

Bad luck spoiled the game in the second half, and it is doubtful if Lewis saw the ball when he



CUP TIE BETWEEN FULHAM AND CRYSTAL PALACE AT STAMFORD BRIDGE.

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Bad luck spoiled the game in the second half, and it is doubtful if Lewis saw the ball when he showed a long shot to Young to beat him (as happened from the end). Such a capable man as this Park goalkeeper is rarely guilty of allowing an easy ball to go between his hands and feet. Apart from this goal, the game was very even during the later stages.

Among the players who distinguished themselves, none did better than Leslie Hooker, the Hamlet left half, who was at the top of his form. Against Tufnell Park left half, was another man who delighted the large crowd, among whom the usual quietly chat was in full swing. One Hamlet enthusiast, who was using the home team as to score another goal met with the retort, "How much did you pay to come in? You've already had four goals for sixpence!"

Heading was not quite as heavy in the three Isthmian League games, although the Caledonians suffered four times at Tufnell Park without any response from Civil Service. Three of these points were forthcoming in five minutes, Mackay (2) and Edgar beating Hayne—all in the first half. Edgar made the one successful shot after the interval. The Service defence was quite good, but the Leagues were incapable of finishing off attacks.

It is a pleasure to note that West Norwood are on the up grade, and their 1—1 draw with Clapton at the Spotted Dog ground, Upton Park, was a highly creditable performance. Bill, the Hamlets' goalkeeper, who has taken a prominent part in recent games, was beaten in his best form. He had a good deal of work, as Clapton had the better of the game, but was beaten once only, when he made a gallant but futile attempt to prevent Earle scoring.

This happened ten minutes before the interval, and West Norwood equalised in the tenth minute of the second half, Bivenort beating Butler who was deputising for Wood, with a great shot. Well, the visiting outside left, retired injured during the game, but their defence was equal to preventing Clapton from winning.

The constant alteration at Champion Hill affected the side at Stanford, where 600 people saw the home team defeat Ilford by 3—0. An interval was dispensed with on account of the bad light, and there was no scoring led to the home team's advantage. Then Martin, Cox, and Harding put the ball past Kimber, the Ilford goalkeeper. As the game went, Stanford should have scored more goals, but their forwards were not in the best shooting mood.

TEST FOR HAMPSTEAD.

DIVISIONAL FINAL REVEALS TOWN'S REAL STRENGTH.

Hampstead Town 4, Wycombe Wndrs. 1.

Hampstead Town, though gratified with their series of cup-tie successes over a variety of teams, were anxious to secure a real test of their own strength.

Wycombe Wanderers, previously unbeaten this season, furnished the opportunity for fair judgment in the divisional final of the F.A. Cup, playing in the field a team worthy of their great reputation, accompanied by 500 enthusiastic supporters. Nevertheless, Hampstead won comfortably by 4 goals to 1, and, though the score flattered the home side, there was never any doubt about their being the better team.

Five minutes from the start G. F. Blackburn scored for Hampstead with a penalty kick. Ten minutes later F. J. K. Wright converted a fine centre by A. E. Mallett, and G. F. Blackburn again scored with a beautiful shot. Wycombe responded only once through T. Jackman. Hampstead's fourth was registered by L. Barrass, after good work by G. H. Corbett on the left wing. Wycombe were well served by their right wing, A. Grace and T. Jackman, and A. Gomm, at centre-half, was always prominent.

Hampstead having scored what must be a record by their good fortune in cup draws, will play their eighth successive cup-tie at the Avenue Ground next Saturday. Chesham United being entertained in the Amateur Cup divisional final. The Boxers again "first out of the hat" yesterday in the F.A. Cup draw, and will meet Goole Athletic on November 22.

THREE FOR LUCK.

LIMEHOUSE TOWN WIN CUP TIE AT THIRD ATTEMPT.

Limehouse Town 3, Bromley Reliance 1.

Limehouse Town and Bromley Reliance met for the third time in the London Junior Cup first-round tie, and again Limehouse demonstrated their superiority. The first game, which ended in favour of the Town by 3 goals to 1, was ordered to be replayed following a protest, and the second was stopped owing to bad light, with Limehouse leading by 3—0 and only a few minutes to go.

Limehouse won by 3 goals to 1 at the third attempt. They took the lead in the first half, Wiseman scored with a fast shot from a good pass by A. Joseph. Bromley broke away occasionally, but Limehouse played the better football, and before the interval A. Gross increased the lead.

E. Jameson scored the Town's third goal in the second half, but just before the close Webster reduced the lead with a good hook shot, though it looked as though the ball had previously been kicked behind.

Next Saturday Limehouse receive Barking Liberals on the Harrow ground, Stratford, in the replayed first-round tie for the Essex Junior Cup.

TOOTING TOWN'S TRIUMPH.

Tooting Town 5, Guards Depot 1.

Tooting Town were in good shooting form when they met the Guards Depot in a Southern Suburban League game at Tooting on Saturday, and well deserved two points for their 5—1 win.

The Guards began well, but Tooting gradually assumed the upper hand. Sawyer scored twice in the first half, and Nash (2) and Smith (from a penalty) after the interval. The visiting centre forward notched the Guards' only goal.

ISTHMIAN PLACINGS.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts.
Dulwich Hamlet	8	6	1	1	19	5	13
Wimbledon	8	4	2	1	11	6	11
Tufnell Park	6	3	2	1	8	5	8
Clapton	6	3	2	1	8	5	8
Ilford	7	4	0	3	11	12	8
Lond'n Caledonians	5	3	0	2	11	4	7
Leytonstone	6	3	1	2	13	9	7
Clapton	7	3	2	2	9	12	6
Oxford City	6	2	0	4	11	17	4
West Norwood	5	1	2	2	6	14	4
Civil Service	8	1	1	6	8	19	3
Woking	5	0	1	4	4	11	1

SOUTHERN LEAGUE TRIUMPH.

PALACE REACH FINAL AT FULHAM'S EXPENSE.

TORRANCE'S ENTHUSIASM

Crystal Palace 3, Fulham 1.

Crystal Palace were a neater and more effective team than Fulham in the semi-final of the London Challenge Cup yesterday at Stamford Bridge, and in winning by three goals to one they gained rather a triumph for the Southern League.

Fulham gave a pretty poor display for a Second Division club. Errors in defence were indirectly responsible for two of the Palace goals, and the forwards, with one exception, were lacking in ball control. Fulham's one accomplished forward was White. He nursed his winger beautifully, dribbled when it was the thing to dribble, and several times made excellent passes to his centre forward, Cock, which should have encouraged the player to great deeds.

Cock, however, in this game, was just a passenger. He scored Fulham's only goal, it is true, but as White's pass positively begged for conversion, it would have been a crime to send the ball outside the posts. Smith, the Palace leader, was clever in every way. He is not a football genius, but he knows sufficient to keep in touch with the play, to take up favourable positions, and to look after his wingers, of whom Bateman was quick to make ground and sometimes to cut in and cross the ball low and at a nice pace.

The Palace's victory might have been even more pronounced but for Hughes being crocked before the interval. Barker moved to centre half, and Hughes hobbled about at inside left. He was, of course, often many yards behind the other forwards, but he had the satisfaction of scoring.

Nearly all the excitement was confined to the second half, when the four goals were scored—three of them in the brief period of eight minutes. It was Whibley who gave the Palace the lead ten minutes after the change of ends, and in converting a centre from the right he aimed for an awful miss before the interval, when he "mixed feet" and missed a "sitter" a yard out. McDonald, the Fulham outside right, made a capital attempt to equalise. Alderson doing well to get across to a very hard drive, but subsequently it was the Palace's game all the time.

Smith, with a pretty screw, scored their second goal, and though Cock halved Fulham's arrears, Hughes soon put the result beyond doubt by shooting through from close range. Hughes looked to be off-side, but the referee passed the goal, and in was right up with the play.

It should be mentioned that Torrance, the Fulham captain, showed fine enthusiasm all through the match. It was no fault of his that the Palace struck a blow at the prestige of Second Division football.

CENTAUR.

GUILDFORD GET THROUGH

GOALKEEPER FACES PENALTY KICK WITH BROKEN WRIST.

Guildford 2, Wimbledon 1.

Guildford just beat Wimbledon, at Guildford, in the F.A. Cup, but there was never anything in it, and Wimbledon were a bit unlucky not to force a replay.

They were also unfortunate in a serious accident to Taylor, their goalkeeper, who broke his wrist in saving a penalty. It was a fine clearance, but, unhappily for Wimbledon, there was an infringement, and the kick was retaken. Taylor plucklily remained in goal for it, but this time had no chance with Castle's shot. Taylor was then taken to hospital.

Earlier, following excell