GRANDCOURT WINS THE CUP

TRESPASSER BEATEN AT LIVERPOOL.

EXCITING FINISH.

VICTORIES FOR HOME FIRE AND LOWOOD.

LIVERPOOL, Thursday.

Brilliant weather was associated with the opening stage of the Grand National Meeting, and the going, too, is in good order.

The Liverpool Spring Cup is, of course, the feature of the racing to-day, but most of the talk is about the National, and many people found time to inspect the course.

The fences look particularly forbidding this year, and the official measurements have shown that they are slightly larger than for last year's race.

There was a great improvement in the weather when a start was made with the Stanley 'Chase. It is an event which is usually productive of a lot of falls; in fact, last year all the eight runners came to grief, but two were remounted, and finished.

On the present occasion there were nine runners, and it was not until Becher's that Pirnwinder found the ground. The hard-pulling Gay Lochinvar, when in front, jumped out of the course at Valentine's, leaving Manby Gate and Newlands in close company. Two fences from home Fly Mask found the ground, as did Badminton II. at the last. The result was that Newlands, well ridden by A. Stubbs, won from Manby Gate and Tomfoolery.

Fairfield was fourth, the remounted Badminton II. fifth, and Lochmond was the only other to finish. He fell after Becher's, but was remounted.

It can safely be asserted that there is no more popular racetrack in England than that at Aintree. Good stakes are to be won, and the mixed programme appeals in a most marked manner. Therefore it is to be hoped the powers that be will give their sanction to the proposed additional fixture next year on the Monday and Tuesday preceding the Waterloo Cup, which will make it a typical Liverpool sporting week.

Mrs. Willy Saxby, widow of the well-known flat-race jockey, wishes to sincerely thank all who have shown their sympathy with her.

Arthur Balding, who did so well for the Clarehaven stable last year, is now riding for George Poole, and he led off by winning the Thursby Stakes on the favourite, Home Fire, who cost only 25gns as a yearling. He is none too sound in front, but the stable went to 400gns. to retain possession.

1.45.—STANLEY 'CHASE of 1,000 sovs. About two and a quarter miles.
NEWLANDS, by Fugleman, dam by Wildfowler—Princess Hampton (Mr. C Bower Ismay), a-11-7 ....A Stubbs 1
MANBY GATE (Sir M McAlpine), a-11-7 L Rees 2
TOMFOOLERY (Lt-Col P D Stewart), a-11-7 Mahoney 3
Pirnwinder (Mr E A V Stanley), a-11-12 Mr P Roberts 0
Gay Lochinvar (Mr G E Godson), 6-11-12 Croney 0
Badminton II. (Mr A Smith Cochran), a-11-7 Mr P Dennis 0
Fly Mask (Mr James Daly), a-11-7 Burns 0
Lochmond (Lord Denman), a-11-7 ......Dale 0
Fairfield (Mrs Basil Mundy), 6-11-7 F Mason 0
(Off 1.46. Winner trained by Hastings.)

Betting.—4 to 1 agst Pirnwinder, 6 to 1 each Badminton and Manby Gate, 8 to 1 Gay Lochinvar, 10 to 1 each NEWLANDS and others. Won by three-quarters of a length; three lengths.

Manby Gate led from Gay Lochinvar and Tomfoolery, with Fairfield, who blundered at the second fence, last. At Beeches Pirnwinder fell, and Gay Lochinvar headed Manby Gate. At Valentines Gay Lochinvar ran out leading Manby Gate in front of Newlands, who took the lead three fences from home and won. Fairfield was fourth. Fly Mask and Badminton fell.

2.15.—THURSBY SELLING STAKES of 5 sovs each, with 200 sovs added. Five furlongs.
HOME FIRE, by Camp Fire II.—Paciencia (Sir M McAlpine), 6-9-1 ....A Balding 1
CAPSTAN (Mr V T Thompson), 4-9-0 M Beary 2
COYA (Mr H Sidebottom), 4-8-10 J Childs 3
Monte Faro (Mr H D Bazley), 6-9-1 Jellis 0
Marcopolis (Mr R B Thorburn), 6-9-1 Crisp 0
Wander Lust (Mr M I'Anson), 4-8-10 R Steele 0
Irrigate (Mr H Beckett), 3-7-10 T Morgan 0
Desperation (Mr W H Dixon), 3-7-10 H Wheatley 0
(Off 2.16. Winner trained by Poole.)

Betting.—6 to 4 agst HOME FIRE, 2 to 1 Capstan, 8 to 1 each Marcopolis and Coya, 10 to 1 others. Won by four lengths; a short head.

Marcopolis made the running from Monte Faro, Home Fire, Capstan, Desperation, and Coya for a quarter of a mile, when Home Fire pulled his way to the front, and never again being headed, won in a canter. Monte Faro was fourth, and Wander Lust last.

2.45.—MOLYNEUX STAKES of 10 sovs each, with 200 sovs added; two-year-olds. Five furlongs.
LOWOOD, by Lomond—Sunny Ridge (Mr J L Ainsworth), 8-10 ....Lane 1
TORLONIA (Lord Derby), 8-10 ...Gardner 2
SEA CHARIOT (Mr J Bancroft), 8-10 J Brennan 3
Cheviot (Mr F Straker), 8-10 ......F Bullock 0
Lemon Yellow (Sir George Bullough), 8-10 Elliott 0
Northern Star (Mr S W Beer), 8-10 J Leach 0
Scottish Elegance (Mr C F Kenyon), 8-10 Jellis 0
Naine (Mr H L Cottrill), 8-7 ......Donoghue 0
Verne f (Mr W H Dixon), 8-7 H Wheatley 0
Terror (Mr Sol Joel), 8-7 ....Carslake 0
Cyclamen f (Lord Lascelles), 8-7 0
Phantom Cynnie (Mr R Liddell), 8-7 Thwaites 0
Vahaneva (Lord Sefton), 8-7 ....Lister 0
Boyne Blue f (Mr A Barclay Walker), 8-7 Beary 0
(Off 2.54. Winner trained by Griggs.)

Betting.—11 to 4 agst Torlonia, 7 to 2 Naine 4 to 1 LOWOOD, 8 to 1 Northern Star, 10 to 1 each Cyclamen, Verne, and Sea Chariot, 100 to 7 others. Won by three lengths; three-quarters of a length.

3.23.—LIVERPOOL SPRING CUP (handicap) of 1,000 sovs; second 100 sovs, third 50 sovs. Mile and a quarter and 194 yards.
GRANDCOURT, by Captivation—La Huffe (Mrs Algernon Cox), 6-8-3 ....Fox 1
TRESPASSER (Mr P F Heybourn), 6-8-10 Carslake 2
PALOMIDES (Mr G A Egerton), 5-7-12 Beary 3
Orpi (Mr C F Kenyon), 5-8-2 ....Lynch 0
Hunt Law (Mr F Straker), 5-8-1 Gardner 0
Glorioso (Lord Derby), 4-7-10 ....Wragg 0
Poiret (Mr W H Dixon), 4-7-8 H Wheatley 0
Statuary (Sir John Rutherford), 5-7-5 Lister 0
The O'Donoghue (Mr D Sullivan), 4-7-5 D McConnell 0
Bucket (Mr Walter Griggs), 4-6-13 G Walsh 0
West Countryman (Sir R W B Jardine), 4-6-11 ....L Bullock 0
Saffron (Mr Edward Clark), 5-6-9 D Gordon 0
Vain Simon (Mr C M Clover), 4-6-3 T Morgan 0
(off 3.23. Winner trained by Gooch.)

Betting.—2 to 1 agst Trespasser, 5 to 1 GRANDCOURT, 6 to 1 Glorioso, 8 to 1 Poiret, 10 to 1 Bucket, 100 to 8 each Palomides and Statuary, 100 to 7 others. Won by a head; four lengths.

3.50.—LYDIATE (S WELTER HANDICAP of 200 sovs. Two miles one furlong and 125 yards.
BEN BEOCH (Mr James McLean), a-9-0 McGuigan 1
CIRVAN (Mr J Greenwood), 6-10-0 ......Fox 2
PRESUMPTUOUS (Mr G T Clancy), 4-9-12 F Bullock 3
Heather Cross (Baron F de Tuyll), 10-7 McCracen 0
Golden Age (Mr A R Shedden), a-10-1 Jones 0
Flying Simon (Mr A Law), a-10-0 ...Duller 0
Pavot (Capt Darby Rogers), 4-9-7 ...Beasley 0
Scarecrow (Mr E H Trow), 4-8-12 ...Swaine 0
Meadowcroft (Mr J P Scanlon), a-8-9 Beary 0
Tatters (Mr F G Kimberley), 6-8-0 W Bullock 0
Pogi (Lady Alwyne Compton-Vyner), 3-8-0 C Parker 0
(Off 3.56. Winner trained by J. McGuigan)

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TO-DAY'S GREAT RUGBY MATCH.

FRENCH THREES BADLY HANDICAPPED.

MUD AFTER THE SNOW

HEAVY WELSH PACK QUITE AT HOME.

Never in the history of French Rugby has a match aroused so much interest as to-day's fixture with Wales.

Even the mid-Lent carnival has for the moment been thrust into the background.

Yesterday's snow has melted and made the ground muddy—a severe handicap for the fast French three-quarters.

Wales had won all their previous games with France.

PARIS, Thursday.

Paris is football crazy. Never before has Rugby in France provoked such interest.

The French Federation announced three days ago that all seats were taken, and that despite the fact that additional accommodation was provided in order to hold nearly 35,000 people.

King Rugby.

Such crowds were expected that the police force on duty were augmented by 500 policemen, 300 mounted police and a number of soldiers guarded the field. Years ago it would have been considered the greatest foolishness to organise any kind of manifestation on the same day as the Mi-Careme cavalcade, but boulevards, confetti, and serpentine streamers took second place to-day, for "Monsieur la France va gagner."

While everybody expected what is generally the case at this time of the year, a fine dry day with sun shining, snow fell all day long on the eve of the match, rendering the ground muddy, and much like the famous Cardiff Arms field.

A greasy ball was expected to account for France's downfall instead of her much-coveted victory.—Exchange.

ALL SORTS OF SPORT.

See Page 13.

THE TEAMS.

The teams lined out:—

FRANCE.—*J. Clement; *A. Jaurreguy, *F. Borde, *R. Crabos, *A. Got, *A. Billac, *R. Piteu; *J. Soulie, *C. Gonnet, *G. Lubin, Cassayet, Boubee, *A. Moureux, *R. Lasserre, *J. Vacque.

WALES.—*F. Samuels; *F. Palmer, *A. Jenkins, Harold Davies, *Bryn Evans, *W. Delahay, *W. Bowen; *Tom Parker (capt.), *J. Whitfield, *S. Morris, *D. Hiddlestone, *T. Roberts, *Rev. J. G. Stephens, *W. Cummins, *Tom Jones.

* Signifies an old International.

Boubee took the place of Sebedio.

The table at present is:—

	Pd.	Wn.	Lt.	Dn.	Pts. F.	Pts. A.	Pts.
Wales	3	2	0	1	48	20	5
England	4	2	1	1	40	47	5
Scotland	4	1	1	2	23	26	4
France	2	0	0	2	14	14	2
Ireland	3	•	3	0	11	29	0

TWO NATIONAL SCRATCHINGS.

The following official scratchings from the Grand National were announced to-day:—

Sir Huon, at 11.47 a.m. to-day.
Hard Nail, at 2.35 p.m. yesterday.

Other scratchings were as follows:—

LIVERPOOL MEETING.

Liverpool Hurdle Handicap: Squire Erlegh. Lancashire Breeders' Produce Stakes: Melra.

Bickerstaffe Plate: The Sleeper.

MISCELLANEOUS.

National Breeders' Produce Stakes, Sandown Park: Melra.

New Stand Handicap, Catterick Bridge: Viviani.

National Breeders' Produce Stakes, Sandown: Heath, Pouet c.

Salisbury Foal Stakes and Staffordshire Breeders' Foal Plate, Wolverhampton: Per Contra c, Balma c, St. Grisilda c, Queen of Love c, Cupbord Loce c, Princess Persimmon f, Queen Voter f, Knoll c.

Redcar Fial Stakes: Balma c, Princess Persimmon f.

Folkestone engagements: Columbus.

All engagements: Black Eagle II. (dead).

BURLESQUE BOXING.

CANADIAN NEWSPAPER'S BOYCOTT.

MONTREAL, Wednesday.

The "Star" announces that it will print no more news about professional boxing matches held here until a commission has been appointed to regulate the sport.

The "Star" alleges as a reason for its decision that "burlesque fights" are held, and the public are being fleeced by the promoters of them.—Reuter.

GOOD GOLF BY JOHNS.

RETURNS CARD OF 72 IN CROYDON CHAMPIONSHIP.

Most of the leading professionals of Croydon and District Golf Alliance contested the championship of the society on the Croham Hurst course to-day, while several prominent amateurs also took part.

C. Johns, holder of the championship, went a long way towards retaining the title when he came in with a morning round of 72, a remarkable score in the difficult conditions which prevailed.

He then led the field by no fewer than five strokes, his card reading: Out, 5 5 4 4 4 4 4 3 4—37; in, 3 5 3 5 4 4 3 4 4—35.

Captain Carter had the best of the early amateur scores with a 78.

KENT LADIES' GOLF.

SEMI-FINALISTS IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Play in the Kent Ladies' Golf Championship was resumed on the Littlestone course to-day in fine weather, but under conditions which rendered accurate golf difficult, as there was a strong easterly wind blowing.

As a result of this morning's play Mrs. Cautley qualified to meet Mrs. Lionel Jackson in the semi-final, and Miss Wickenden, an eighteen-year-old girl, who distinguished herself in the girls' championship last year, qualified to meet an experienced player in Mrs. Swayne.

COUNTY GOLF.

The following team has been chosen to represent Warwickshire against Gloucestershire, in the opening county golf match of the Midland County, at Cleve Hill, on Saturday:—

Cecil Hill (capt.), Carl Bretherton, W. A. Bennett, F. W. Clive, C. W. Collier, J. L. Holmes, H. F. Jackson, A. E. Mainwaring, H. J. Patterson, F. L. Plater, L. B. Sanderson.

R.A.F. GOLF.

To-day's competition in the spring meeting of the Royal Air Force Golfing Society was a thirty-six holes eclectic tournament under handicap against bogey.

The competitors were arranged in two divisions—one for those with handicaps of ten and under and the other for those with handicaps of 11 and over.

At the end of eighteen holes the following cards were returned:—

First Division.—Squadron Leader G. H. Thompson (scratch), 2 down; Squadron Leader G. R. M. Reid (5), 2 down; Flight-Lieutenant J. H. Porter (9), 3 down; Flight-Lieutenant C. H. Hayward (plus 2), 5 down; Flight-Lieutenant A. Lees (8), 5 down; Flying Officer W. L. Fenwick (10), 5 down.

The leader of the second division was Flying Officer O. E. Carter (18) with a return of all square.

"NATIONAL" BETTING.

(Run to-morrow; about 4m. 856yds.)

8 to 1 agst SOUTHAMPTON (t) ....Gore
8 to 1 — SHAUN SPADAH (o, 17 to 2 t) Poole
100 to 9 — CLASHING ARMS (t and o) Hastings
100 to 7 — ARRAVALE (t) ....Whitaker
100 to 7 — MUSIC HALL (o) ....Anthony
100 to 6 — SERGEANT MURPHY (t and o) Blackwell
100 to 6 — GREY DAWN V. (o) ....Newey
20 to 1 — SQUARE UP (t and o) ...Gooch
20 to 1 — DRIFTER (t and o) Coulthwaite
25 to 1 — CLONREE (o, 28 to 1 t) Spittle

J. Cobban, a professional player employed by the Bo'ness and Broxburn United F.C., has been fined £5 at Linlithgow for obtaining unemployment benefit while in receipt of a weekly wage as a football player.

The Billiard Table de Luxe—Burroughes and Watts'

GOOD ROWING PRACTICE

OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE PACED TO-DAY.

A Leander crew helped Oxford to-day in their boatrace practice, and the two crews paddled together to Chiswick Eyot, where they turned.

At Hammersmith they rowed half-a-minute together, and then had a two minutes' row in which Oxford made very little impression on the Leander crew, finishing at the end of the minute only a quarter of a length ahead.

Cambridge were out with a crew of the London Rowing Club, and paddled to Hammersmith.

They rowed for four minutes on the return journey, clearing the London crew after two minutes' rowing.

INMAN v. REECE.

Inman and Reece continued their match of 15,000 up at Thurston's Hall, in Leicester-square, this afternoon.

There was no play yesterday, and the scores when the game was continued were 3,229—2,695 in favour of Reece, who is in receipt of 1,000 start.

Reece made only moderate progress during the early part of the afternoon, his best breaks being 20, 52, and 32, after making a break of 79. Inman showed fine all round form in a run of 203, which he supplemented with 39.

Scores: Reece, 3,339; Inman, 3,026.

PEALL v. DAVIS.

When the Junior Championship final of 7,000 up between Peall and Davies was continued at the Burroughes Hall, in Piccadilly, this afternoon, the former was leading by 387.

The scores then stood 3,327—2,940 in favour of Peall.

During the early part of the session Peall made excellent progress. After Davis had increased an unfinished run of 17 to 38, Peall put on breaks of 24, 55, 41 (twice), and 33.

Davis had had three double baulks to contend with, but he got in for breaks of 72 and 31.

Some safety play followed, but Peall was the first to get going again, and he displayed fine form when making a break of 173 unfinished.

Scores: Peall, 3,709; Davis, 3,067.

MANCHESTER CUP ENTRIES.

First Wheat, Trespasser, Greek Star, Warways, King's Idler, Happy Man, Hunt Law, Paragon, Charlebelle, Devizes, Attilius, Vivaldi, Dunkirk, Kirk Alloway, Royal Asche, Welsh Woman, Count Palatine, North Waltham, Torelore, Double Up, Air Balloon, Manton, Harrier, Crevasse, Sabotage, Sweet Dorothy, *The Alder*, Paladin, Royal Alarm.

Bowood, Ring True, Alan Breck, Chivalrous, Franklyn, Aymestry, Polemarch, Monarch, Milenko, West Countryman, Copyright, Flamboyant, Black Miner, Lady Sleipner, Eaglehawk, Glorioso, Poiret, Red Rosette, Yokal, Gasper, Napolyon drawn.

RACING FIXTURES.

ON THE FLAT.

APRIL.

Newmarket Craven 4, 5, 6
Derby 7, 8
Eglinton Hunt (Bogside) 7, 8
Nottingham 10, 11
Edinburgh 10, 11
Leicester 12, 13
Kempton Park Easter 17
Birmingham Easter 17, 18
Newcastle 17, 18
Epsom 18, 19
Pontefract 19, 20
Sandown Park 20, 21
Stockton 21, 22
Alexandra Park 24
Newmarket First Spring 25, 26, 27, 28
Hurst Park 29
Ayr 29, May 1

MAY.

Chester 2, 3, 4
Kempton Park (Jubilee) 5, 6
Newmarket Second Spring 9, 10, 11
Ripon 5, 6
Gatwick 12, 13
Haydock Park 12, 13
York 15, 16, 17
Bath 16, 17
Doncaster 18, 19
Salisbury 18, 19
Windsor 20
Birmingham 22, 23
Lewes 22, 23
Brighton 24, 25
Beverley 24, 25
Lingfield Park 26, 27
Epsom 30, 31, June 1, 2

At an informal meeting of the members of the Rotherham Town F.C. on Tuesday evening it was agreed unanimously that the principle of amalgamation with Rotherham County should be accepted, and the terms on which it is to be carried out are to be arranged by the directors of the club

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WALES v. FRANCE.

Half-time: No score.

Ten minutes after restart Cummins scored a try for Wales, and Bowen scored a second try. Neither was converted.

Evans registered Wales's third try which was converted.

RESULT.

Wales 11 pts, France 3 pts.

LIVERPOOL, 4.20.
CRAIGANGOWER
STINGO
SIR HARRY VANE

4.20 Betting: 4 to 1, 2 to 1, 100 to 8.

LATEST NEWS

SHIPBUILDERS TO BALLOT.

Press Association learns that shipbuilding delegate conference decided definitely to take ballot forthwith, returns to be made as soon as possible.

BRITISH SUBMARINE SUNK.

The loss of the submarine H 42, with all hands (reported on page 1), is confirmed by a Reuter wire from Gibraltar stating that the H 42 sank off Europa Point after collision with the destroyer Versatile.

Portsmouth message says H 42, one of the vessels of third submarine flotilla of Atlantic Fleet left Portsmouth with other vessels for spring cruise and exercises about two months ago.

WALES v. FRANCE.

Paris, Thursday.—There was no score after 20 minutes' play.—Exchange.

3.50 Betting: 3 to 1 Girvan, 4 to 1 Golden Age, Flying Simon, 8 to 1 Presumptuous, Meadowcroft, 100 to 8 Ben Beech, and others.

4.20 LIVERPOOL.—Runners: Fodder, Stingo, Craigangower, Canterbury, Fair Charlie, Roi du Ciel, Sir Harry Vane, Lady Georgiana.

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