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THE DERBY FAVOURITE HAS SECRET GALLOP

'Santa's' big rival is Oncidium

LIKE children at Christmas everyone was looking for Santa Claus on the rainsoaked Epsom Downs this morning but, in keeping with the ancient fable, none saw the Derby favourite.

Yet the colt did work somewhere in the area as "Scobie" Breasley confirmed, but where? That's a secret. It must have been early for Breasley was back at his Putney home before 9 o'clock to say: "I rode Santa Claus at exercise this morning and he moved very well."

He added: "The colt had only light exercise and the only thing I can say now is that I hope that we will win tomorrow. I was very pleased with my first acquaintance with Santa."

Asked where the work took place, Breasley paused before saying that it was in the neighbourhood of Epsom.

Actually, Santa Claus could have been exercised on the course for yesterday afternoon the ban on the track was lifted

Not accepted

"It was decided to open the course to Derby horses and trainers and connections were told by telephone during yesterday afternoon," stated the clerk of the course, Mr. Denis Bushby.

The invitation was not accepted. Not one colt took the opportunity of gaining experience of the sharp downhill run followed by the sweep round Tattenham Corner, where so many Derby races are won and lost.

In fact, only two Derby horses appeared from the racecourse stables, the Two Thousand Guineas winner, Baldric II, and Corah IV. Both worked on Six Mile Hill, which is on the far side of the Epsom course.

Eddie Fellows, the Australian trainer, now based in France, looked tired from the anxieties of preparing a leading big race hope as he led Baldric II all the way back across the downs to the heavily guarded course stables.

The colt was ridden by his big race pilot, Bill Pyers, and behind them walked two stablemen keeping a strict look-out for any possible trouble.

About the soft going, Fellows said: "My horse has no dislikes where the ground is concerned. He had two short spins and everything was all right."

Final gallops at H.Q.

Derby preparations at Newmarket were completed this morning. Six of the 17 runners are trained at headquarters.

Sweet Moss, one of the best backed horses in the past week, had his big race jockey, Lester Piggott, in the saddle when doing a crisp six furlongs with Crepes Braves, who also goes to the Derby meeting to run in a handicap tomorrow.

Harry Carr, who will be riding in his last Derby partnered Lionhearted in a five furlong spin with Militate and Stupor Mundi, also runners at the meeting.

Indiana and Oncidium had only light exercise. Everyone at Newmarket expects Oncidium to take a tremendous amount of beating, and among his keenest supporters will be two security guards who have been his constant companions on and off the gallops ever since his brilliant Lingfield success on May 22.

Well backed

Oncidium was easily the best backed horse in the last half hour before the ante-post books closed at 11 a.m. today. One office laid the colt to lose £12,000 and expects him to start very nearly favourite tomorrow.

Terry Hale.

Hale to face tourists

TERRY HALE, the county and St Giles' left-handed batsman who was third in last season's batting averages for the Minor Counties' competition, has been selected to play for the Minor Counties against the Australians at Bedford on June 25-26.

"This is good news," Mr. R. A. "Peter" Taylor, secretary of the Cambridgeshire County Cricket Club, told the "Cambridge News" this morning. "It is an honour for the county to have a representative in this match, and we wish him well."

Hale, who has already hit top form with his club this season—he scored 100 at Luton on Whit-Monday—had a trial for Gloucestershire when the first class county came to Fenner's to meet the University last month. He said afterwards that he was offered terms, but did not want to spoil his chances of a Minor Counties' cap against the tourists.

FINAL TRIAL

He leads a county club and ground side at Whittlesey on Thursday, in the last trial before the Minor Counties programme opens for Cambridgeshire later this month. With him at Whittlesey will be: Brian Gadsby (Royston), David Wisbeach (College Servants), Roger Pearl, Ron Nunn, Len Cavanagh (Granta), Jeremy Imrie (Travellers), Roger Wardle (Camden), Bill Hoyles (Wisbech), Tony Ekins (St. Giles') and Malcolm Southwell (March).

Hale thus joins the ranks of several other county players who have won their caps for the Minor Counties, ex-skipper Maurice Crouch, present captain Rex Gautrey, the Fenner's groundsman, Cyril Coote, H. W. F. ("Spud") Taylor and C. J. Smith being among the forerunners.

Hutchinson brilliant on Roxburgh

A BRILLIANTLY-TIMED challenge inside the last furlong by Ron Hutchinson landed Roxburgh, the oldest horse in the Rosebery Memorial Handicap at Epsom, today, a threequarters of a length winner from Woodleighs with Singer in third place. This was the tenth win on the Flat for this game nine year old, who has also scored over hurdles.

Weather: overcast and misty. Going: soft

2.0—TADWORTH H.CAP STAKES 5f.

WILLIES KUDA ..... W. Williamson 1
ABEL ..... G. Lewis 2
GAY COBBLER .... W. Jesse 3
All ran (14)
S.P.—15/2, 13/2, 10/1. Knock on Wood 11/2 fav.
Tote—Win 28/4; places 9/6, 9/10, 9/8
Won by ¾l.; 1¾l. Off 2.5. D. Whelan.

2.30—CATERHAM STAKES 5f.

PUGNACITY ..... W. R. Carr 1
TRUE DELIRIUM .. G. Lewis 2
FAIR JUSTICE .. A. Breasley 3
All ran (5)
S.P.—13/8 on fav., 25/1, 9/2
Tote—Win 5/4; forecast 73/10
Won by 5l.; 1l. Off 2.35. W. Wharton

3.5—ROSEBERY MEMORIAL H'CAP 2¼m.

ROXBURGH .. R. Hutchinson 1
WOODLEIGHS ..... P. Cook 2
SINGER ..... A. Breasley 3
All ran (7)
S.P.—100/30, 10/1, 6/1. Minehead Camp 5/2 fav.
Tote—Win 13/-; places 8/2, 14/4; dual forecast 61/2
Won by 2l.; 2l. Off 3.7. W. Wightman.

3.40—LADBROOKE GOLD CUP 1m. 110yds.

GOLDENDALE ..... L. Piggott 1
WHISTLING FOOL .. D. Smith 2
BARDOLINO M. L. Thomas 3
All ran (12)
S.P.—4/1 fav., 9/1, 100/6
Won by 2l.; 1¾l. Off 3.44. N. Murless

TEST PITCH PROTECTED

Although Trent Bridge, venue of the first Test between England and Australia, which starts on Thursday, escaped the worst of the weekend storms, rain began falling steadily yesterday evening and was still falling early this afternoon.

It is not worrying Nottinghamshire's groundsman Frank Dalling, who is extremely experienced in Test pitch preparation. This will be the 12th strip he has prepared for the use of England.

"Although the rain has been steady, the pitch has been well protected" he said.

The cricket scoreboard

LANCS v AUSTRALIANS

Abandoned as a draw

Lancashire 1st. innings 245 (D. M. Green 107, R. Entwistle 79, Hawke 5 for 90).
Australians 1st innings 196 (B. C. Booth 77, Ramadhin 5 for 53).
No play today.

MIDDLESEX v HAMPSHIRE

Abandoned as a draw

Hampshire 1st. innings 115.
Middlesex 1st. innings 128 (Shackleton 7 for 44).
No play today.

DERBY v GLAMORGAN

Abandoned as a draw

Glamorgan 1st. innings 268 for 7 wkts dec. (A. Lewis 89, A. Rees 74, Buxton 4 for 44).
Derbyshire 1st innings 185 for 4 wkts.
No play today.

KENT v SURREY

Surrey 1st. innings 339 for 5 wkts dec. (K. Barrington 150 not, M. Willett 117).
Kent 1st innngs 117 for 6.

LEICESTER v YORKSHIRE

Abandoned as a draw

Leicestershire 1st. innings 127 (Trueman 5 for 53).
Yorkshire 1st innings 270 for 3 wkts.
No play today.

WARWICK v GLOUCESTER

Abandoned as a draw

Warwick 1st innings 188 (N. F. Horner 57, Allen 6 for 78).
Gloucestershire 1st. innings 224 (Brown 4 for 70).
Warwickshire 2nd innings 1 for 0.
No play today.

WORCESTER v SUSSEX

Abandoned as a draw

Worcestershire 1st. innings 373 for 8 wkts dec. (M. Horton 116, D. Richardson 103, T. Graveney 66, Thomson 4 for 83).
Sussex 1st innings 52 for 5 (Flavell 4 for 38).
No play today.

ESSEX v NOTTS

Nottinghamshire 1st. innings 221 (M. Hill 87).
Essex 1st innings 106 for 4 wkts dec.

Brian Brain, 23-year-old right-arm fast medium bowler, who last played for Worcestershire five years ago, is included among 12 players the county name for their match against Derbyshire at Chesterfield tomorrow.

CHARNLEY'S BIG CHANCE

DAVE CHARNLEY, ten years a professional and British champion for seven of them, can thank Brian Curvis' bad ankle for the fact that in September he could be challenging for Carlos Ortiz's world lightweight title.

This tortuous story also involves the American, Kenny Lane, from Muskegon, Michigan, who at the Wembley Empire Pool tonight will be attempting to put a spoke in the wheel of Charnley's intended progress by beating him over ten rounds at 9 stone 12lbs.

Ten days ago nothing was farther from Lane's mind than fighting Charnley in London. Then Brian Curvis, the welterweight champion, who was due to meet Charnley tonight had a recurrence of the ankle injury which kept him out of action for seven months—and the hunt was on for an opponent.

It ended with the first man that promoter Jack Solomons approached — Kenny Lane, still number one contender for the world title for which he fought unsuccessfully against Ortiz only a few weeks ago.

Lane v Charnley, southpaws both, is a genuine world championship eliminator. If Charnley loses he will not improve his chance of meeting Ortiz; if he wins he has been offered the certainty of a title fight in London next September.

So it must be all or nothing for the British champion at Wembley tonight.

The man who stands between him and the third big opportunity of his career is 32 and has 92 fights behind him, many of them in the highest class. In 1958 he went 15 rounds with Joe Brown in an unsuccessful world title bid. A few weeks ago he repeated the process with Ortiz, over whom he holds a non-championship decision.

Ortiz, by his own admission, found Lane an unusually difficult proposition and Charnley can expect no easy journey. The two things in his favour are his form against Curvis, which was a revelation, and the fact that his opponent has not had the meticulous preparation which Charnley has enjoyed.

If Lane is as sharp as his reputation, Charnley's bid to earn a third world championship may founder. But in the circumstances, he must have a sporting chance.

MORE NEW PLAYERS ON THE WAY

City and U's both sign a forward

BOTH the Southern League clubs in Cambridge, City and United, have made a signing for their forward lines of next season.

Roy Poole, a 23-year-old inside forward, joins City from Chesterfield; and United have signed a 21-year-old centre forward, Raymond Wiggin, from Walsall. No fee is involved with either player.

Poole, who has had three seasons with Chesterfield is described by City's acting manager, Tommy Dawson, as "a strong player who can play anywhere."

It is intended that the new signing will play in the forward line, where he has also had experience as a leader, although he has been at wing-half and full-back.

RECOMMENDED

"He was recommended to me by another League manager," Tommy Dawson said today. "The player's own manager recommended him to go to Exeter City, but after he took a look at our set-up and his wife liked a house we offered he decided to stay here in Cambridge."

Poole stands 5ft 9ins and weighs 11 stone 10lbs. He played 23 League matches for Chesterfield last season and scored nine goals.

The only reason he leaves Chesterfield is the fact that the Fourth Division club is retaining only eight players. All City have to pay is the player's accrued share of benefit.

Wiggin is a leader who comes in the classic mould. He is six feet tall, weigh 13 stone and has a very good left foot. Another of his attributes, says the United's manager Roy Kirk, is that he is very good in the air.

20 LEAGUE GAMES LAST SEASON

He played 20 games in Walsall's League side last season, and in his first six matches he scored nine times.

"There were a lot of clubs after him," adds Roy Kirk, "but we had been favourites for some time."

So far as other players are concerned, the United's manager hopes to have everything completed by the end of next week. At Milton Road, too, Dawson hopes that other players will be signed by the beginning of next week.

Football numbers

City F.S.C. 12010 (£50); 08147 (£4)
United F.C. 03194 (£45)
United S.C. 20124 (£45)

ELY BOWLER OUT OF ACTION

TOM MORTON, Ely City's long-serving bowler, will be out of action for a time.

During a match with March Town he and David Newstead collided on the boundary line saving a four.

Morton went for an X-ray next day and, because of a suspected fracture, now has an arm in plaster.

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LATE NEWS

EMMERSON FOR TRANSFER

Morris Emmerson placed on transfer list by Peterborough. Club retained him at end of last season but make this move following signing of Sheffield Wednesday goalkeeper, Tony Read, last week.

RELKO ARRIVES

Trainer Dermot Whelan says that Relko, who runs in Thursday's Coronation Cup, has arrived safely at his Epsom stable.

FOOTBALL NUMBERS

Newmarket Town F.S.C.: 2272

BIG FIGHT WEIGHTS

Dave Charnley weighed in at 9st. 11¾lbs. and Kenny Lane 9st. 11¾lbs. for tonight's final eliminator for world's lightweight championship at Empire Pool, Wembley.

TYPHOID: AN INQUIRY

It was announced in the Commons that there is to be an inquiry under an independent chairman to discover the cause of the Aberdeen outbreak.

Mr. Noble, Secretary of State for Scotland, said there was no foundation for the suggestion that the infection originated in canned corned beef from former Government stocks.

STOCK EXCHANGE

War 31¾, 5⅝; Whitbread "A" 17s. 1½d.; A. P. Cement 58s. 7½d.; Wall Paper 21s.; Marks "A" 6s. 7½d.; U. Drapery 20s. 4½d.; Elliott-Auto 20s. 1½d.; E.M.I. 50s. 7½d.; G.C.E. 77s; Plessey 77s. 9d.; Pye 25s. 10½d.; Guest Keen 67s. 6d.; Metal Box 65s.; Unigate 14s. 1½d.; U. Biscuits 31s. 1½d.; Eagle Star 66s. 4½d.; Legal and General 94s; Beecham 19s. 10½d.; Boots 25s. 1½d.; British Oxygen 10s. 8½d.; Fisons 43s. 7½d.; Glaxo 34s. 9d.; I.C.I. 42s. 4½d.; Reckitt Colman 32s. 9d.; Schweppes 14s. 6d.; Sears "A" 22s. 6d.; Turner and Newall 52s. 7½d.; Unilever N.V. 192s. 6d.; B.M.C. 18s. 9d.; Reed 50s. 1½d.; P. and O. Def. 22s.; Courtaulds 30s. 3d.; Summers 34s. 9d.; United Steel 29s. 3d.; Courtaulds 30s. 10½d.; Shell 38s. 10½d.

Pye shares today reached a new high for the year.

EPSOM — 4.15

PRESTO (J. Mercer) 1, Coil of the Wild 2, Warrior Prince 3. All ran (6)
S.P.—100/8, 5/4 fav., 100/30
3.40 Tote — Win 15/4; places 8/2, 14/10, 10/3

CRICKET

Notts.: 41 for 2.
Kent: 155 (match drawn).