

Sands Close looks to be a good prospect

By our racing correspondent.
FOR a coincidence tip in the first leg of the Santa Claus Hurdle at Liverpool's first stage tomorrow, I give you a chap with the same initials—Sands Close.

Individual in the Santa Claus second division there is Eric Ripon's Bellamour at Haydock Park last week.
Winner of the corresponding event last season, owner-trainer Mr. Edward Courage's Border Flight bids for an encore in the Christmas Cracker Stakes, a handicap chase over the extended three miles and one furlong trip.

Selections

LIVERPOOL—12.30 Choreographer, 1.00 Lustleigh Lad, 1.30 Sands Close (nap), 2.00 Border Flight, 2.30 Greek Scholar, 3.00 Brume Wood, 3.30 Button B.
PLUMPTON—1.00 Charles Stewart, 1.30 Noon Star, 2.00 Generous Star, 2.30 Rendezvous IV, 3.00—Crown Hill, 3.30 Saucy Lad. Double:—Sands Close and Button B.

Among the highlights at Plumpton tomorrow is the three miles Hassocks Handicap Chase in which propose taking sides with Ryan Price's course and distance winner, Generous Star, who should be the better for his recent Windsor outing when third behind Kapeno and Red Tide.

Tomorrow's card at Plumpton

Telet Double: 2.0 and 3.0 races.
Telet Treble: 1.30, 2.30 and 3.30 races.

1.0—OVINGDEAN HANDICAP CHASE OF £300, Two miles.
111210—Golden Forest (CD), C. Woolford, 9 11-5
p000-33 Charles Stewart (D) (BF), L. Dale, 9 11-5
P. Kelleway
0-231F Harlow Wood (CD), Nesfield, 5 10-0
P. Kelleway
0-020-00 Heather Song (CD), E. Long, 11 10-9
P. Kelleway
1-31243 Flaming Steel (D), Armitage, 6 10-9
p003-03 Magic Tricks (C), J. Boyes, 10 10-0
P. Crouch (7)

9 00234-4 Feolotic, Hooton, 7 11-11 J. Guest
7 Aiming High II, Bolton, 6 11-11 D. Moore
7 00p0-20 Highway, W. Williams, 10 11-11 W. Williams
11 p2 Border Pink, Nesfield, 8 11-11 T. Norman
12 12/002-4 Mimi Augeridge, 11 11-0 P. Kelleway
13 10020-0 Cawkwell Hill, Bartholomew, 4 11-0
P. Kelleway
Betting Forecast: 9/4 against Border Pink, 100/30 Rendezvous IV, 2/3 Mimi, 6/1 Aiming High II, 10/1 Cawkwell Hill, 100/6 Highway and Feolotic, 20/1 others.

2.0—HASSOCKS HANDICAP CHASE OF £300, Three miles.
10p00-3 Generous Star (CD), H. Price, 9 11-7
011-115 Essandem (D), E. Wilson, 11 11-3 M. Jones
1701-0 Pioneer Spirit (CD), Armitage, 7 11-1
P. Mellor
12-204 Certain Danger (D), Neaves, 9 10-12
11694-4 Fearless Cavalier (CD), Hooton, 13 10-11
J. Guest
0-2110 Another Scot, Nesfield, 6 10-9 T. Norman
00p-30 Reprieved, O'Donoghue, 11 10-6
04030-0 Mellita, Gates, 10 10-0
04-082 Liar Dice, 10 10-0
Betting Forecast: 2/1 against Another Scot, 11/4 Generous Star, 4/1 Essandem, 5/1 Pioneer Spirit, 100/3 Certain Danger and Liar Dice, 20/1 others.

3.0—STAYERS' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE OF £300, Three miles.
1 000-300 Happy Wisdom, L. Dale, 5 10-3 G. Lawson (5)
4 4010-0 Crown Hill (D), W. Fisher, 7 11-9 W. Fisher
7 0/4-4132 Glenbroome (C) (BF), Beadell, 10 11-4
8 004p-20 Eransrove, H. Vautier, 9 10-0
Mr. H. Vautier (7)
13 223/43 Fulminate, Hooton, 9 10-6 J. Guest
14 00022-0 Lionella, Holt, 10-4 T. Baldwin (7)
15 0000-0 Happy Wisdom, L. Dale, 5 10-3 G. Lawson (5)
16 0030-0 Heart O'Carra, Bartholomew, 5 10-1 P. Supple
17 003-002 Aheart, Oughton, 7 10-0
18 00-000 Indian Valour, M. Barrett, 9 10-0 J. Kinns (7)
20 000-000 Blagueur, Kerr, 4 10-0 A. Dennis (3)
21 0 Priddy Hill, E. Savage, 12 10-0 R. Williams
22 000/00 Partnership, Brackenburg, 9 10-0
Mr. J. Brackenburg (7)
23 4/34pp Aristote, J. Boyes, 11 10-0 P. Crouch (7)
24 000-000 Sharp Awakening, A. Macewan, 5 10-0
Betting Forecast: 13/8 against Ancestry, 3/1 Glenbroome, 4/1 Blagueur, 8/1 Heart O'Carra, 100/3 Fulminate and Crown Hill, 100/6 others.

3.0—BARGAME NOVICES' CHASE WITH £250 added, Two miles.
221 Rendezvous IV (CD), Shand Kydd, 8 12-7
W. Shand Kydd (7)
001bp-0 Celestini, Beadell, 6 11-11
044-00-1 First Chapter, Gates, 8 11-11 W. Bullocks (7)

3.30—BOSTEL HANDICAP HURDLE RACE OF £300, Two miles.
1 40 p-p Claudbank R. Murrow, 3 12-7 M. Jones
3 0201-13 Saucy Lad (CD) (BF), M. Mason, 4 11-9
R. Dingwall (7)
5 3304-0 Luminaroh (CD), A. Brush, 11 10-0 M. Jones
6 710-004 Jimin (D), J. Truman, 4 11-6 E. McNally (5)
8 00120-0 Repertoire (CD), L. Dale, 4 11-6
P. Kelleway
11 4210-0 Catchment, L. Dale, 4 11-4 C. Lawson (5)
14 04-3200 Hot Springs (D), Vincenzi, 5 10-10 D. Dillon
15 3302-0 Great Offer (D), Holt, 4 10-3 T. Baldwin (3)
16 00p-402 Brown Study, Neaves, 5 10-2
17 4100-0 Aave Avee (D), J. Holt, 4 10-2
G. Cuddiford (7)
20 3000/0-3 Acistarcus (D), O'Donoghue, 7 10-0
J. Gilbert
21 00p Evening Shadow, Brackenburg, 7 10-0
22 4300/0-0 Cabriolat (D), Beadell, 9 10-0
23 00000 Edmore, D. Kent, 7 10-0
Betting Forecast: 2/1 against Saucy Lad, 11/4 Brown Study, 9/2 Repertoire, 6/1 Acistarcus, 8/1 Luminaroh, 100/3 Great Offer, 20/1 others.

Cambridge scare top Londoners in an exciting hockey match

London University 1, Cambridge City 1
In their finest display for a very long time, Cambridge City Hockey Club XI held the all-conquering London University to a thrilling draw at Mispur Park, in what the London skipper described as their most exciting match this season. London, beaten this season only by a Hockey Association XI, had all the arts, so Cambridge employed a retreating defence, inspired by Wilman — playing his first match for the club since the Tokyo Olympics — and Freeman. Many dangerous University attacks were broken up at the critical moment and Cambridge were swift to sweep into direct, open attack. The tremendous pace never slackened in the goalless first half, during which the initiative swung rapidly from end to end.

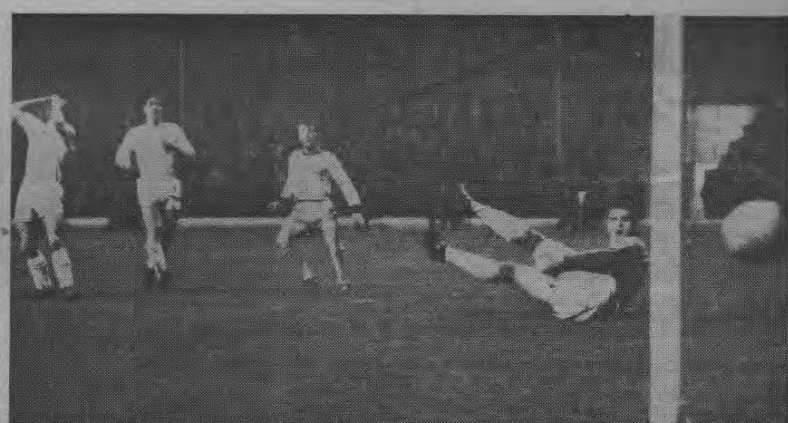
From the beginning Clare took the initiative and within two minutes a strong attack ended in the first goal being scored.
Cambridge hit back, but after several near misses the ball rolled over them with a swift movement Clare were two goals up. The game swung in each side's favour in turn and by half-time Clare led by 5 goals to 2. Both the Cambridge goals were scored by centre-forward Christ Dodson.
The second-half was a comeback for Cambridge. Much of the play was in the Clare half and many attacks were made but without success. Just before the final whistle Clare scored their sixth goal. This was a resounding win for Clare, but this may well teach the Cambridge side a lesson. On a perfect pitch they had no or little excuse. They were slow to start.

they failed to keep their positions well, the clearing in defence was poor and the final attacking by the forwards was far too timid.
Corpus Christi 3, City III 2
Despite the ten men hoodoo, City can feel pleased with their performance in a game which they hardly deserved to lose. The game was always fast, and City opened the scoring shortly after the start with a well taken goal by Graven. Corpus reduced the deficit and the score was even at half-time.
In the second half City did a lot of defending with Fox and Jeffery putting in much hard work. Mayor put City ahead with a well taken effort, but Corpus again hit back to level the scores, and just before the end scored the winner by beating the versatile Rogers in City's goal.
If City keep playing like this some victories may be in sight in the near future.

City Youths earn a replay

A MISTAKE by the Peterborough United goalkeeper, Henderson, gave Cambridge City's Youths a much needed equaliser in the closing stages of last night's F.A. Youth Cup second round tie at London Road, Peterborough.
The replay will be staged at Milton Road next Tuesday (k.o. 7.15).
Cambridge, having trailed for nearly the whole of the game, were assured of a replay when a shot from Dagless was palmed into the net by Henderson.
After 90 minutes of hard, no-quarter-given football on a treacherous, rain-soaked pitch, one fact clearly emerged—Cambridge will have to exploit every ounce of skill and energy in the next encounter. Too often the Peterborough forwards caught the opposition's defence unaware and had their finishing been better, then Cambridge would have lost decisively.

Peterborough Youths 2, Cambridge City Youths 1
Early moves by Peterborough, who the previous Monday had defeated Cambridge United Colts 3-1 in a replay in the same competition, were thwarted by keen tackling.
Then in the 15th minute Anderson put Peterborough ahead with an opportunist shot from a free kick in the box.
Tomorrow's football
FRIENDLY FRIENDS' SCHOOL SAFFRON WALDEN v BELL SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES
At Saffron Walden at 2.15 p.m.
Bell School: P. Varat; S. Wilkinson; A. Tinore; E. Kjaergaard; B. Agassiz; L. Ferro-Casati; G. Bjornsson; V. Gribaudi; P. Gribaudi; L. Epinozza; J. Slevin. Reserve: J. Canals.



A Rugby Town player holds his head in anguish as he deflects a shot from United's Graham Atkinson (out of the camera's range) into the net for United's first goal.

Only goalkeeper Leckie stopped a U's goal riot

A NOTHER two points were Cambridge United's reward after they had ruthlessly cut Rugby down to size in the Southern League match at Newmarket Road last night. But for some first-class goal-keeping by Rugby's Ian Leckie, the home side could have doubled their score.
In the first half hour the Rugby goalkeeper made two fantastic saves from Jimmy Gibson and three other great saves from the home forwards.
Rugby were never in the game, although they scored first after a defensive blunder.
Even when Gibson beat Leckie, the ball hit the post and spun away to safety. It was left to Atkinson, who was being watched by the Oxford manager, Arthur Turner, to give his side a goal and after this they never looked back.

Cambridge United 4, Rugby 1 (Attendance 2,019).
He fully deserved his two goals and his enthusiasm and quick thinking were rewarded when he won the penalty.
Hobbs caused considerable distress in the visiting defence with his perpetual movement.
Rugby took the lead in their first attack in the 13th minute. Finch, playing against his old club, sliced the ball across his goal straight to Carter, who crashed it home despite Slack's brave effort to get to the ball.
United equalised when a low shot from Atkinson was deflected past the goalkeeper by a defender.
Gibson had his reward five

minutes before half time when he chipped a free kick on to Scurr's head and the inside forward guided it into the net.
Rugby launched a furious onslaught at the beginning of the second half but the U's defence held and on a breakthrough they were awarded the penalty and this crushed any Rugby defiance.
United were back in complete command and they added a fourth for good measure in the 64th minute when Scurr chased through to flick a pass from Finch high into the net.
United: Slack, Boggis, Finch, Gibson, Kelly, Welsh; Day, Scurr, Hobbs, Atkinson, McVittie.
Rugby: Leckie; Gamble, Lawton; Neal, Scott, Jones; Morrow, Hinde, Walsh, Denial, Carter.

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Penalty incident

The second half of the game was marred by remarkable scenes in the 60th minute when the referee awarded a penalty against Rugby. Atkinson was fouled outside the area as he burst through and the referee awarded a free kick. As the defenders were arranging a "wall," Jack Scurr quickly chipped the ball towards goal but Dick Neal, thinking the referee has not restarted play caught the ball and Mr. M. E. Walker immediately awarded a penalty.
The visiting players surged round the official arguing. Even when Mr. Walker had placed the ball on the spot Neal kicked it away twice, but the official took no notice and eventually when tempers cooled Gibson scored.
The success man of the forward line was Jack Scurr. It was third time lucky for him in the inside right position. Unlike his performance on Saturday, he settled down at once and was a constant menace to the Rugby defence.



Southern League PREMIER DIVISION

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Weymouth	16	10	3	3	37	18	23
Chelmsford	17	10	3	4	43	21	23
Worcester City	16	9	3	4	29	19	21
Cambridge Utd.	18	7	6	5	33	20	20
Dartford	14	8	3	3	29	19	19
Guildford City	15	6	5	4	29	20	17
Yeovil Town	14	4	9	1	26	17	17
Bedford	15	6	5	4	25	17	17
Hastings Utd.	16	4	4	2	25	16	16
Cheltenham T.	17	6	5	5	24	16	16
Folkestone	16	5	5	6	29	16	16
King's Lynn	16	3	9	4	24	16	15
Nuneaton Bor.	13	5	4	7	18	18	14
Tonbridge	17	4	6	6	24	14	14
Romford	16	5	4	7	21	27	14
Bexley Utd.	15	6	1	8	31	26	13
Cambridge City	15	5	1	9	25	19	13
Bath City	15	5	1	9	34	25	11
Wishbech Town	15	4	3	8	26	41	11
Brighton	17	4	2	11	26	51	10
Wellington Town	17	2	5	10	21	33	9

City Youths earn a replay

Persistent attacking by Cambridge gave them the equaliser in the 32nd minute when Johnson headed in from close range. Anderson, playing an energetic game at inside right, again put Peterborough ahead with a well taken header from a left wing centre in the second half.
Peterborough's slender 2-1 lead was frequently in jeopardy, but rather than fall back on the defensive, they remained on the attack. Ten minutes before the final whistle a good rally by Peterborough petered out when Wilson fluffed a shot.
Then Henderson's mistake gave Cambridge the replay.
Peterborough: Henderson; Bennett, Bottiglieri; Wilson, Ince, Beaver; Copestake, Anderson, Stallwood, Dagless, Robinson.
Cambridge City: Barber; Malle, Atwood, Johnson, Willis, Barker; Adams, Newell, Marr, Wells, Everitt.

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