

KEEL'S DEATH STEEPCHASE RIDER KILLED AT ASCOT

Crushed Beneath Horses' Hoofs as Potrero Chico Falls at First Hurdle—Dies an Hour Later

BY ED MORIARTY

A boy was killed at Ascot yesterday. Jockey A. Lewis has jumped the last great hurdle. Never again will an earthly bugle call him to the post.

Women in the grandstand shuddered when Potrero Chico fell at the first hurdle of the steepchase course, crushing his rider beneath a mass of flailing hoofs.

But the lad had ridden his last race. Up in the stands men and women were laughing and chatting. Lewis was forgotten and they wondered what the next event might bring forth.

Out in the paddock Lewis was breathing his last. A doctor finally raised his head from the dying boy's head and nodded—silently. A moment later a black wagon drove away and all that was mortal of Lewis left the course forever.

Is Borne Away A curious scene presented itself in the paddock as the dead lad was being borne on the stretcher. Close-mouthed sporting men stood by, mingling with a motley throng of stable boys and companion riders of the ill-fated jockey.

A wizened faced little negro huddled on the outside of the paddock crowd. He was a lowly one in the turf world, but he was a close observer of the strike.

With broad shoulders and strong hand he worked to the ground, gently guiding the crippled negro lad, who wanted so badly to see what was going on.

It was only an instance of what may happen on a race track, however, and a close observer of the strike.

It is stated that Lewis complained of being ill before the race, but was directed by the judges to fulfill his contract. The boy had only ridden six times during his career on the turf.

With Potrero Chico running riderless through the field, Cazador, in the color of his favorite, ran under the whip of New York. J. W. Boden, brother of the local secretary, secured for him his license.

Blanc and Nappa ran head and head in the second race until the paddock gate had been reached, where the favorite, Blanc, was thrown by the whip.

Baron Esher proved the third race good thing under skillful guidance by Jockey McDaniel. Esher was backed from 3-1 and won easily from Cottillon, who outgained reservation in the stretch.

Niblick tried hard, but Bronston escaped to take honors. Sly Ben stepped to a walk, John Lytle, the object of a sharp tip, was never in the hunt.

J. R. Laughery won the fifth in a drive, from Lady Kitty, who easily headed St. Edgar, a reminder to one that, for the present, the racing of the field showed nothing worthy of mention.

E. W. Wayland saddled his second winner of the day, when Line of Life went out for an exercise gallop in the park. Nearings was also the talent taking and captured second money from George E. Milner, who all but caught the former at the end as Meringo tired fast in the stretch.

Secretary Boden has made a special effort to provide for today the best card ever arranged at Ascot. Interest will be centered in the California club handicap, at one mile, for which thirteen of the best two-year-olds on the coast are carded to start.

The first race is an open affair, but the favorite, Bodan, looks to be the best, she has the early speed of the bunch, which will clear her from any possible interference.

BURNS HAS AN IDEA THAT HIS RACE IS A SLEEPER



HERALD ASCOT FORM CHART

ASCOT PARK, Dec. 24.—TWENTY-FIRST DAY. Weather clear; track fast. A. W. Hamilton, presiding judge; J. Holtman, starter.

Table with columns: In. Horse, Age, Wt., Jockey, St., 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, St. Fin., Op. Cl. Includes races 127 and 128.

Time—3:02. At post 1 minute. Off 2:50. Value to winner \$255. Winner b. g. Santiago-Lizzie B. Owner J. G. Sturgis. Start good. Won handily. Second b. g. Overweight Indian II 3 pounds. Cazador 1 to 2 place. Logon 6 to 5 place. 5 to show. Indian 8 to 1 show. Cazador flashed into easy lead after taking fourth jump, making opponents appear cheap thereafter. Logon moved up fast after taking sixth obstacle, much best of others. Indian in sharp last eighth drive shook off Parrish. Chico fell heavily over first jump.

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Time—2:45. 454, 1:35, 1:42, 1:55. At post 4 minutes. Off 2:57. Value to winner \$325. Winner b. g. Wagner-Fairour. Owner Denny Bros. & Co. Start good. Won driving. Second handily. Scratched Round Dance. Elancer 7 to 5 place. 7 to 10 show. Igoe 2 to 1 place. 4 to 5 show. Nappa 4 to 5 show. Elancer stood last eighth drive. Fare gameness. Igoe finished resolutely, would have won few more strides. Nappa tired only closing strides.

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Time—2:45. 454, 1:35, 1:42, 1:55. At post 1 minute. Off 3:24. Value to winner \$500. Winner b. g. Onondaga-Peavine. Owner E. Wayland. Start good. Won handily. Second easily. Scratched St. Albans. Igoe 2 to 5 place. 2 to 10 show. Bronston outpaced first half then moved up fast and finished resolutely, was gradually going away at end. Kitty showed keen speed throughout, finishing sturdily but winner was too much. Edgar tired fast final eighth.

Table with columns: In. Horse, Age, Wt., Jockey, St., 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, St. Fin., Op. Cl. Includes race 132.

Time—2:44. 454, 1:35, 1:41. At post 3 minutes. Off 3:54. Value to winner \$255. Winner b. m. Sweetheart-Lady Palmist. Owner E. Wayland. Start good. Won in canter. Second handily. Overweight Black Gem 2 pounds. Life 2 to 5 place. Out show. Meringo even pace, out show. Milner 3 to 5 show. Life easily beat assumed an early and commanding lead winning in big romp. Merlingo ran in close but unavailing pursuit of winner first six furlongs then tired, but held Milner safe all final sixteenth. Latter under keen urging all final eighth drive.

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SKINNER REFUSES TO GIVE \$50,000

THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS HIS HIGHEST OFFER Rhyolite Fight Promoter Says That He Does Not Think Jeffries' Battle is Worth That Amount

Frank C. Skinner, who is in the city, last night again asserted that he would offer \$30,000 for a finish fight between James J. Jeffries and Bill Squires, the Australian heavyweight, before the Rhyolite club.

The difficulty appears to hinge on the purse, which Jeffries says he will not fight for, setting the limit on his services at \$50,000. This Skinner says he will not give, as he thinks there never was a difference of \$20,000 in the history of the ring worth that amount.

But still there may be another difficulty. Would Squires battle for that amount? While it is not likely that he would refuse such a handsome offer, he is yet to be heard from. It seems to be a difference of \$20,000, but I will never offer more than \$30,000 for the battle.

"It has been reported that I have offered \$50,000 for the contest, but that is untrue. I don't think that the battle would be worth any more than I have offered for it, but if some one wants the fight and enough to offer more he can have it.

"I don't care for the fighters. What I want to do is put our town on the map, and if I see that I can do it by pulling off a big scrap out there we will have the scrap. Either of the two men would make a pretty fight, a beauty. I would like to have it, but not for \$50,000.

"I offered Burns and O'Brien what I thought they were worth, and for that reason I did not raise McCarey's bid. You can see just where I stand in the matter."

NO WAR ON JAPANESE HERE

The troublesome question of the segregation of Japanese and American pupils was injected into the Los Angeles school board last night when Emmet Wilson of the local board introduced a resolution calling for a brief from the city attorney as to the constitutionality of the law establishing separate schools for Americans and Japanese children.

The feeling of the Los Angeles board was very plainly against such action being taken, so plain in fact, that Mr. Wilson did not even move the adoption of his resolution and allowed the matter to be dropped.

Dr. E. C. Moore declared: "I have not heard a single protest against the Japanese pupils since I have been superintendent. In fact the teachers think highly of their Japanese charges, and rank them among the highest in their classes. There is no Japanese question here."

Mr. Stephens, one of the retiring members, was equally opposed to taking such action. "You will start a race war here by such a course," he said.

By consent of both parties the affair was permitted to sink quietly into oblivion.

WILLER RIDES MORE WINNERS

By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—There was a fair attendance at Emeryville today, despite the fact that it was a rainy day. Sandy came very near putting over Captain Burnett in the third race and was just ousted out by Invader, a 15 to 1 chance, in the last stride.

Second race, mile and a sixteenth—Prince Nap, 105 (McBride), 9 to 10, won; Lella Hill, 104 (Griswold), 11 to 5, second; Nabonassar, 112 (Knapp), 15 to 1, third. Time: 1:54. Bearskin, Chablis, Jake Moose, Gibbals and Varro also ran.

Third race, mile and a sixteenth—Invader, 107 (Williams), 15 to 1, won; Captain Burnett, 105 (Sandy), 9 to 10, second; Alma Boy, 105 (McBride), 8 to 5, third. Time: 1:44 1/5. Clandestine, Rotrau, Monaco Maid, Elle and Frolic also ran.

Fourth race, one mile—Jackfull, 109 (Sullivan), 3 to 1, won; Baker, 107 (McBride), 5 to 1, second; Anvil, 105 (Brown), 4 to 1, third. Time: 1:43 3/5. W. B. Gates, Prestige and Andrew Mack also ran.

Fifth race, six furlongs—Grace G, 105 (Brown), 9 to 2, won; Elmer, 105 (Duggan), 8 to 5, second; Clamor, 108 (W. Miller), 6 to 1, third. Time: 1:16 1/5. Sainrida, Wood Sandals, Convent Bell, Fair Fagot and Miss Tuttle also ran.

Sixth race, six furlongs—Hector, 105 (McBride), 7 to 1, won; Shady Lad, 109 (C. Miller), 7 to 1, second; Woolman, 88 (A. Walsh), 4 to 1, third. Time: 1:15. Cloudlight, Judge, Boloman and Rightful also ran.

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