

FAVORITE PLAYERS EXPERIENCE THE RING WEATHER AT TANFORDAN As Nis Plunged On and Bad of Avon Beats Her in a Canter--St. Simonian Finally Secures a Pair of Brackets--Alas the Only Successful Choice

By F. E. Mulholland. THOSE race-goers who plunged on the favorites at Tanfordan Park yesterday--and the list was a long one--put in a cold, bleak, unpropitious ring weather. Alas, the only choice that suffered defeat, Alas N, probably carried the most money. The filly was backed down to even money favoritism to take the third event, a six furlong sprint, and Bard of Avon, the second choice, won again, again, but Mounce let the favorite fall out of it at the start, later coming with a rush and finishing ahead of Andratras for the place. Mounce explained his ride to the satisfaction of the judges, and the crowd gave him good reasons for the improvement shown by the Bard.

It was reported around in inner circles that Novia had regained her best form, and the mare with Mounce up ruled the sprint. Cut off soon after the start, she was never a contender. Conley on Un Cadeau, a 20 to 1 shot, led to the stretch, where he looked up the wire won cleverly from McAlburt.

Soe rode Minerva, favorite for the first maiden two-year-old dash, and it was a very cheap looking event. Only a few days ago in the Great Trial at Santa Anita she showed work of speed, but in this latest essay she was beaten three lengths in 59. The winner turned up in Irma A. piloted by Gouin, against which, coupled with You, 8 to 1, was laid. Redan ran a good second.

The chances of Achilles, first choice for the second maiden scramble for two-year-olds, were ruined by Fred Atterbury, but as the latter was a 20 to 1 shot, named youngster wheeled around, compelling Mounce on Achilles to pull up. Escaping the mix-up, Thorpe on Hamatut, a 10 to 1 shot, went out and won easily from Silesian and Pepper Sauce.

Billy Randall's Gauntlet had a decided call in the matter of the quarter mile selling run, closing a 11 to 10 chance. After leading to the paddock St. Simonian which had been trailing through, he passed the choice, scoring very handsily in 2:30. Topmost went lame, losing the show to Twinkler, who won with a 15 to 5 chance.

Alas, the 8 to 5 favorite, ran away from the field in the closing five furlong dash. Howell, who had been leading in the middle turn, but stayed with the music pluckily, finishing in the place ahead of Spry Lark.

To-Day's Entries. First Race--Five and a half furlongs; four-year-olds and up; selling. 1121 Valencienne, 1122 215 First Shot, 1123 2201 Valencienne, 1124 216 Katie, Walnut, 1125 2202 Semmar, Matts, 1126 217 Don't Know, 1127 2203 John Welch, 1128 208 Saul of Taras, 1129 2204 Semmar, 1130 2205 2206 2207 2208 2209 2210 2211 2212 2213 2214 2215 2216 2217 2218 2219 2220 2221 2222 2223 2224 2225 2226 2227 2228 2229 2230 2231 2232 2233 2234 2235 2236 2237 2238 2239 2240 2241 2242 2243 2244 2245 2246 2247 2248 2249 2250 2251 2252 2253 2254 2255 2256 2257 2258 2259 2260 2261 2262 2263 2264 2265 2266 2267 2268 2269 2270 2271 2272 2273 2274 2275 2276 2277 2278 2279 2280 2281 2282 2283 2284 2285 2286 2287 2288 2289 2290 2291 2292 2293 2294 2295 2296 2297 2298 2299 2300 2301 2302 2303 2304 2305 2306 2307 2308 2309 2310 2311 2312 2313 2314 2315 2316 2317 2318 2319 2320 2321 2322 2323 2324 2325 2326 2327 2328 2329 2330 2331 2332 2333 2334 2335 2336 2337 2338 2339 2340 2341 2342 2343 2344 2345 2346 2347 2348 2349 2350 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