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Public Choices Are Snowed Under by Rank Outsiders

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Fantastic's Form Reversal to Result in an Inquiry

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Glaring Reversals of Form Give the Bookies Many Chances to Land Steady Bettors

By J. R. Jeffery

The racing at Emeryville yesterday was anything but satisfactory from the standpoint of form, glaring upsets and startling reversals marking the running of every race with the exception of the opening event. One lone, lukewarm favorite won and in three of the six races the first and second choices figured among the also rans. Form players were badly stung and came away from the track with sadly depleted bankrolls. Sharpshooters kept bettors from winning as heavily as might have been expected, however.

The horses that failed to run up to expectations included Lula G, favorite of the 2 year old race; Reservation and Rotozote, first and second choices of the third race; Col. White and El Chequer, first and second choices of the fourth race; Fury and Gannet, first and second choices of the fifth race, and Roalta, favorite of the closing race. Boloman, Lassen, Sibari, Ten Tons and Fantastic made up the list of horses that showed starting improvement over their previous essays.

Lula G had the excuse of having been forced into the fence to account for her poor showing; Reservation was a victim of the crowd, and the crowd expressed its displeasure by booing Dick Dwyer with great vigor; Col. White's disgraceful performance could be accounted for only on the presumption that he sulked; Fury was handicapped by the heat of the race; Roalta had no excuse as he beat the barrier, had clear sailing and was well ridden.

SUSPICIOUS OF FANTASTIC

The officials were inclined to look upon Fantastic's reversal as the most explicable feature of the day's racing and they made it the feature of an investigation. Fantastic made a dismal showing as favorite of the Cherry Tree handicap last Saturday, after having run the speedy Sugarmaid to a head the day before.

Fantastic's race right back in the Merced handicap today, Jockey Eddie Dugan returned to Los Angeles yesterday, after having run the speedy Sugarmaid to a head the day before.

THE CALL'S FORM CHART OF RACES AT EMERYVILLE

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In which the horses ran to the betting, the three choices making a close finish of it. The backers of Sevenfull, the favorite, were lucky to cash, however, for she was the best of the race, but she second choice, only a head after the latter had encountered bad racing luck, which entailed the loss of several lengths. After setting clear of the interference Renee W came like a flash and she won by a neck. Renee W, another strider or two. Belle Kinney outran Sevenfull the first part, backed up in the stretch as if short, and then came again to be a close third at the end. Seastick, who had been in the race, became dangerous at the far turn, but faded away in the final quarter.

2125 THIRD RACE—One and a sixteenth miles; selling; 4 year olds and upward; value to start \$325.

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2179	Boloman, 5 (D. S. Fountain)	108	1	2	142	24 1/2	Charbonneau	10	20
2181	Lassen, 4 (J. E. Hoppas)	107	3	4	142	24 1/2	Hearstburn	10	20
2182	El Chequer (E. J. Ramsey)	108	5	6	142	24 1/2	W. Miller	8	10
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2184	10 PONTIAC, 6 (Kenne)	114	9	10	142	24 1/2	Gilbert	8	18.5
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2187	EL BEAZEL, 3 (J. M. Stowe)	113	15	16	142	24 1/2	W. Gannet	5	7
2188	My Pal, 5 (W. R. Hapstrom)	113	17	18	142	24 1/2	J. Carroll	6	10
2189	Wendy Welch, 6 (J. J. Jellied)	111	19	20	142	24 1/2	Kirschbaum	20	30
2202	REVERATION, 4 (Bdwl)	111	21	22	142	24 1/2	McClain	2	9.5

2216 FOURTH RACE—Seven furlongs; selling; 3 year olds and upward; value to start \$325.

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1887	Sir Brillar, 6 (C. W. Chappell)	110	1	2	142	24 1/2	H. Stuart	10	20
2185	10 MAY AMELIA, 4 (Sarnford)	107	3	4	142	24 1/2	Buxton	5	6
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2180	Happy Rice, 4 (C. W. Miller)	108	3	4	142	24 1/2	A. Wright	11	16
2181	10 FURY, 4 (G. P. McNeil)	108	5	6	142	24 1/2	Mentry	8.5	3
2182	Queen Alma, 5 (W. M. Miller)	108	7	8	142	24 1/2	W. Miller	8	10
2183	Cherise, 6 (W. St. Vincent)	106	9	10	142	24 1/2	Gallardo	40	100
2184	10 PASADENA, 4 (J. Davis)	106	11	12	142	24 1/2	J. Hayes	30	100
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2187	10 LULA G, 2 (California sta.)	111	17	18	142	24 1/2	W. Miller	30	100
2188	10 LULA G, 2 (California sta.)	111	19	20	142	24 1/2	J. Carroll	60	100
2189	10 LULA G, 2 (California sta.)	111	21	22	142	24 1/2	Kirschbaum	20	30

2218 SIXTH RACE—One mile; the Merced handicap; 3 year olds and upward; value to start \$600.

Index Horse and Owner Wt. Str. Fin. Jockey Op. Cl.

2206	10 FANTASTIC, 4 (N. Orleans)	97	1	2	142	24 1/2	W. Kelly	5	13.2
2207	10 FANTASTIC, 4 (N. Orleans)	97	3	4	142	24 1/2	W. Miller	2	4.5
2208	10 FANTASTIC, 4 (N. Orleans)	97	5	6	142	24 1/2	Kirschbaum	4	3
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Gossip of the Track

George Miller, trainer of the El Nido

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Gil Curry received a letter yesterday from G. H. Walgren, manager of the Oakland Jockey club, which brought the information that this year's Denver meeting will run for 31 days, with purses ranging from \$300 up and a derby worth \$2,000. About \$300,000 is being expended in improvements on the racing plant to bring it thoroughly up to date.

Sam Hildreth having decided not to start any of his horses in the Yosemite handicap today, Jockey Eddie Dugan returned to Los Angeles yesterday.

Barney Schreiber announced yesterday that his crack sprinter, Jack Atkin, had been declared from all the long distance stakes of the eastern turf on the advice of Trainer Herman Brandt that the horse be reserved for the shorter fixtures. He will be a starter in the Carter handicap, which marks the opening of the season at Aden.

Sir Brillar was boosted from \$800 to \$1,100 by William Hawke, but was retained by C. W. Chappell with the customary \$5 advance.

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