

Flying Saucer In Fast Run At 50 To 1

Flying Saucer, a seven-year-old mare eligible for a maiden race in the country, finished with a brilliant burst over the last furlong to win the first division of the Trial Handicap at Morphettville on Saturday.

It was a phenomenal run for a mare with such a poor record, but once or twice she had scampered fast over the turf to gain a minor place.

Flying Saucer is raced by the Edwardstown businessmen Messrs. Archie and Gordon Payne in partnership with their nephew Mr. Gordon Malcolm. The Payne brothers have raced horses for many years and one of their representatives was Dice Box.

Gordon Payne told me that six names applied for the mare were refused and, with the flying saucer in the news at the time, a suggestion was hurled at him and his racing partners.

Returned at 50 to 1 in the ring, Flying Saucer paid a dividend at the rate of £192 4/.

Lady Balcrest, after three successive runs into second place, was a firm favorite in the First Trial. She had the run of the

trial. She had the run of the race on the rails and drew handy to Solmate and Point Opera at the top of the straight, where Sporrán, Moray and the early leader Barossa Boy were in a thick cluster.

However, Lady Balcrest caved in quickly.

Moray then put in a claim, but in a few strides Flying Saucer flashed through and easily withstood a late challenge issued by Lady Law. Boling, in front early with Barossa Boy, was well beaten at the turn for home.

Dead-Heat

Basra, successful at her previous start in the country, looked all over a winner in the second division of the Trial when she cleared away from Cleartop at the stop of the straight, but Eastern Duke gradually overhauled her to make a dead-heat.

J. Bourke, rider of Basra, said he thought his mount had "just won," but W. Attrill (Eastern Duke) was quite satisfied with the judge's verdict.

It would have been interesting to see a camera eye decision of the finish.

Eastern Duke did a good job, as Attrill said that the gelding almost fell near the six-furlong post.

The Grey mare Queen Avoca shaped like a coming winner, and so, too, did Vaguely, a son of the smart galloper Vagarie.

Son of Night, who did not get the best of deals at barrier rise, ran a patchy race, but he is definitely one to follow.

Dextral, a mare by the good stayer Mac Rob, ran well for half the journey, but then dropped out.

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A mare by the same name won the 1934 City Handicap for Messrs. E. P. Kenny and J. Bond, and later Mr. Bond, who trained her, transferred to Melbourne. The runner in Saturday's event carried his livery, grey, pink sleeves, although she races in the name of Mr. F. E. McGaffin.

It was decided to give Dextral a trial in Adelaide and she was placed under the care of L. T. Plews. She won recently in the country.

Two-Year-Old Handicap.—A protest was entered by G. Hope (Noble Chief) against Govinda (D. Coleman) being declared the winner on the ground of interference at the 3½ furlongs. The evidence showed that there was some slight accidental interference which may have been contributed to by Noble Chief. The protest was dismissed.