



NEVER before has there been so unfancied a winner of the Indian Derby and seldom before have all the fancied runners run as ignominiously as they did last Sunday when Nelston, who was beaten by relatively moderate four-year-olds in the lesser Classics in the south, thundered to an authoritative three lengths victory over Columbia with Almagest two and a half lengths off and Birthday Girl a further neck behind in a race which was run in the excellent time of 2 minutes, 33.5 seconds for 2,400 metres.

A mammoth crowd which was attracted by the openness of the race, which was worth an Indian record of Rs. 5,62,540 of which Rs. 3,70,026 went to the winner, by the presence of such outstanding winter Classic winners as Camino, Birthday Girl, Busy Lizzie and Tribute, for whom Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy had specially flown out the celebrated English rider Willie Carson, watched in stunned, unbelieving silence as Camino passed the post a wretched fifth, followed by Busy Lizzie, Tribute, Nebraska, Regal Gleam, Bravissima and Charmer in that order.

What needs to be emphasised is that there was no hard luck story, no remotely acceptable explanation for the failure of the fancied brigade and the triumph of the unfancied runners. The pace was solid, which was to be expected as Charmer had been left to do the job for his stablemates Tribute and Birthday Girl, every runner had space in which to move without difficulty and it cannot be said with any degree of assurance that any of the riders did not get the most out of his mount.

In the circumstances it must be accepted that Nelston, who is an Usha Stud-bred half-brother to Simarow as he is by Grey Gaston-Nelciana and is the property of Maj. and Mrs. P.K. Mehra and Miss Ameeta Mehra, has finally lived up to the promise that he had shown early in his career, that Camino, who had been surprised by Birthday Girl in the slow-run South India Derby in Madras, simply cannot stay, that Tribute is not as good as she has been rated, that Birthday Girl gave the best performance of her career this is the fastest-run race in which she has ever competed and that Columbia, who showed a glimpse of his first season form when winning the Ruia Cup, has improved further.

Early in his career Nelston was considered to be second only to Camino in trainer R.R. Byramji's yard. However, his stock plummeted on the last day of the Bangalore Summer Meeting when he was beaten as a raging hot favourite by stable companion Aggregate.

He partially redeemed his reputation by winning the Colts Trial and the Deccan Derby in the Hyderabad Monsoon Meeting but these successes

Unfancied Nelston's thundering win

were offset by his failures in the Mysroe 2,000 Guineas and Derby which were won by Birthday Girl.

During the winter campaign he was beaten by Amber Flash in Madras and was no match for Deccan Prince in Hyderabad. In the circumstances it came as no surprise that he was unfancied in the field of 11.

This column is particularly pleased that Nelston triumphed only because he was ridden by the country's top rank rider Vasant Shinde, who together with Aslam Kader (Nebraska) and Woods (Charmer) were the only Indian boys with mounts. Shinde is retained by Byramji and he does a great deal of work in preparing the animals, especially at times other than the winter when English riders do not normally perform in India.

Yet, when it comes to the big occasion he is bypassed which is a pity for although there can be little doubt that Baxter is a better rider than him it is open to question whether young Walter Swinburn is a more effective rider.

Although Nelston and Almagest were saddled by C.A. Kutappa and Camino was in the charge of Noshor Cama everybody knows that these animals are from Byramji's mammoth yard.

Galling as the Indian Derby result was it will have a medicinal effect if it makes the picture for the Indian Turf Invitation Cup, which will be run in Hyderabad on March 6, clearer. However, in the light of the topsy turvy results of the Classic events in Madras, Bangalore and to a lesser extent in Hyderabad, that cannot be expected and we will have to wait till we get closer to the race to make a prognosis.

The exception has been Calcutta where Adelina romped home in the St. Leger last Saturday. This Haskell David-

trained filly by Everyday II-Three Little Words thus won her fourth Calcutta Classic and one now wonders how she came to be beaten by Fire Flash in the 2,000 Guineas!

What was remarkable of Indian Derby Day was that a 10-race card could be staged. This is not the longest ever but it was about the best filled as there was a total of 112 runners making for an average of over 11 per race. The crowd was the biggest in recent years and, unlike last year, when the service offered to the betting public was inadequate, the authorities came through with flying colours and there was no ground for complaint.

Of course, there were private squabbles as there are bound to be in such a large gathering, but what was disquieting was the show of temper by jockey Craine which, though somewhat understandable cannot be excused.

Craine was astride Leonid in the 1,400 metres Bangalore Turf Club Cup. Soon as entering the straight Leonid broke his right fetlock and Craine jumped off and was obviously stunned as Leonid galloped on three legs before being caught and put down. Craine, after-sometime, got up and walked back to the unsaddling enclosure.

On his way to the paddock he was apparently insulted by somebody in the first enclosure which caused him to shout back. When the heckler persisted Craine picked up some of the tan and made as if he would hurl it at his tormentor. He did not do so but, even allowing that he was distraught he should have shown greater restraint.

Confucius won his second race with the same authority as his first and he can be confidently expected to complete a hat-trick Fiesta, Rollinsky and Sunlitta should be persisted with.



Nelston (Shinde astride) led in by Mrs. P.K. Mehra and Mr. P.K. Mehra and trainer C.A. Kutappa after his stunning victory in the Indian Derby

Unfancied Nelston's shock win in Indian Derby

By PEGASUS

BOMBAY, February 6.

NELSTON, who was beaten in the lesser Classics in the south by horses who were not considered good enough to be brought here for the Indian Derby, rose to the great occasion with a magnificent performance here today which earned for him a convincing three lengths victory over Columbia at odds of 37 to 1 and enabled Maj. and Mrs. P. K. Mehera and Miss Ameeta Mehra to claim the richest-ever Blue Riband prize of Rs. 3,70,026.

Almagest was third, two and a half lengths behind the runner-up and a neck in front of Birthday Girl in a race which was run in the excellent time of 2 minutes, 33.5 seconds for 2,400 metres. The odds-on favourite Camino was fifth, Busy Lizzie sixth, Tribute seventh, Nebraska eighth, Regal Gleam ninth, Bravissima 10th and Charmer last of the 11 runners.

Although Nelston, an Usha Stud-bred Grey Gaston-Nelciana colt who is half-brother to the well-performed Simarow, was ridden by the ace Indian rider Vasant Shinde it was understandable that trainer C. A. Kutappa's ward

was neglected in the battling for though he had won the Colts Trial and the Deccan Derby of the Hyderabad Monsoon Meeting he had been beaten in both the Mysore Classics and had repeatedly failed during the winter while Camino, second-favourite Tribute, Birthday Girl and Busy Lizzie all had won important winter Classics, although, truth to tell Classic-form throughout the land has been topsy turvy.

Charmer, who was clearly left in to make a fast pace for his stable companions Tribute and Birthday Girl, did his job well by leading from Almagest, Nelston, Camino, Nebraska, Regal Gleam, Bravissima, Busy Lizzie, Columbia, Tribute and Birthday Girl. Charmer's lead of about six lengths was cut down as the race advanced and at the halfway mark he was just two lengths in front of Almagest, who was a similar distance ahead of Nelston with Camino and Nebraska following, ahead of Regal Gleam, Bravissima, Busy Lizzie, Tribute, Columbia and Birthday Girl.

Charmer started to lose pace hereabouts and Almagest took command to show the way to Nelston, Charmer, Busy Lizzie, Camino, Nebraska, Columbia, Regal Gleam, Tribute, Bravissima and Birthday Girl. Almagest was this

first into the straight hotly pursued by Nelston, Camino, Busy Lizzie, Columbia, Tribute, Nebraska, Birthday Girl, Regal Gleam, Bravissima and Charmer. Approaching the 400 Nelston shot clear and there was never a hope of him being caught as he drew away to a clear-cut victory.

There was stunned silence in the mammoth crowd which packed the stands and overflowed onto the lawns but once the initial shock of the victory of a bolt from the blue after very many years of popular triumphs had been absorbed the reception for the winner was ungrudging and tumultuous, especially as it was known that the race had a most open aspect. Early in the Bangalore Summer Meeting Nelston was identified as the second best horse in Byramji's stable after only Camino. That assessment had to be revised when he was beaten by stable companion Aggregate on the last day of the meeting and as he had experienced mixed fortunes in the monsoon and had been a disappointment in the winter there was no basis for rating him highly. Obviously, he has regained his early form and will come into the picture for the Invitation Cup in Hyderabad where Columbia, who showed further improvement on his Ruia Cup victory, will also be a live factor. Camino apparently cannot stay and it would seem that Birthday Girl stands up to racing much better than does Tribute, who was totally disinclined to gallop and had to be goaded to return to the unsaddling enclosure.

Nelston's victory was not the only surprise of the bumper 10-race card and punters had the short end of the stick. Jockey Deepak was the most successful professional, winning the 1,800 metres Gold Street Cup with trainer Dara Pandole's Silent Partner and the lower division of the 1,200 metres Hyderabad Race Club Cup in which he fought a stirring duel with the Willie Carson-ridden Clarion Call from the distance post to triumph by a short head on the D. N. Adenwalla-trained Feelings. Carson, who had

been specially brought out for Tribute, was also second on Red Ranger, who was well and truly beaten by Mississippi in the 1,400 metres Bangalore Turf Club Cup.

The results were:

Gold Street Cup 1,800 Metres: SILENT PARTNER (Mrs. P. N. Panjaji) 54 (Deepak) 1, Vyjayanti 57.5 (Shroff) 2, Rose of Jordan 50.5 (Solomon) 3, Royal Pepe 48 (Ayub) 4. Not run: Sukriti, Salamander, Ginnar. 6 1/2L, 4 1/4L, 2 1/4L. 1-56.8 Rs. 10.50; Rs. 6.50, Rs. 13, FP Rs. 62. (D. P. Pandole).

Hyderabad Race Club Cup (Div J) 1,200 Metres: TIVOLI (Scindias of Gwalior) 53.5 (Baxter) 1, Terror 54.5 (Shafiq) 2, Knockout 53 (Swinburn Jr.) 3, Greek Tycoon 54 (Barclay) 4. Not run: Race 'N' Chase, Dist., 2 3/4L, Hd, 1-15.0, Rs. 14.50, Rs. 5.50, Rs. 10, Rs. 8.50, FP Rs. 122.50. (Maj. V. M. Lad).

Hyderabad Race Club Cup (Div II) 1,200 Metres: FEELINGS (Mrs. P. D. Tata & Mr. N. P. Tata) 52.5 (Deepak) 1, Clarion Call 52.5 (Carson) 2, Air Ace 54 (Swinburn Jr.) 3, Eloquence 52.5 (Shroff) 4. Not run: Rajasthan, Sh., 2 1/2L, Dist. 1-16.1, Rs. 9; Rs. 5.50, Rs. 8.50, Rs. 5.50, FP Rs. 69.50 (D. N. Adenwalla).

Royal Calcutta Turf Club Cup 1,000 Metres: TANJA (Mr. & Mrs. R. M. Goculdas & Mr. Mulraj D. Goculdas) 46 (Hamirsingh) 1, Starabella 51.5 (Phillips) 2, Mikonos 51 (Shinde) 3, Subriti 51.5 (Shroff) 4. Not run: Moving Splendour, Golden Deer. 7L, 1 1/4L, 6 1/2L, 1-1.4, Rs. 25.50; Rs. 11.50, Rs. 13, FP Rs. 230. (B. K. Lagad).

Shantidas Askuran Cup 1,200 Metres: HELIOS (Mr. Vispi R. Patel, Mrs. A. L. J. Talib, Mrs. M. D. Nooranji & Mr. R. N. Kanga) 50.5 (Shroff) 1, Natural Time 51 (Vinesh) 2, Fiesta 54.5 (Shafiq) 3, Greek Goddess 51 (Aslam Kader) 4. Not run: Trocadero, 1 1/4L, 1 1/2L, 2L, 1-14.8, Rs. 11; Rs. 5.50, Rs. 11.50, Rs. 6, FP Rs. 122.50. (S. S. Shah).

Indian Derby 2,400 Metres: NEL-

STON (Maj. & Mrs. P. K. Mehra & Miss Ameeta Mehra) 57 (Shinde) 1, Columbia 57 (Barclay) 2, Almagest 57 (Baxter) 3, Birthday Girl 55.5 (Lowe) 4. Not run: Natural Grace, Bergamo, Trocadero. 3L, 2 1/2L, N. 2-33.5, Rs. 191.50; Rs. 32.50, Rs. 7.50, Rs. 37.50, FP Rs. 745.50. (C. A. Kutappa).

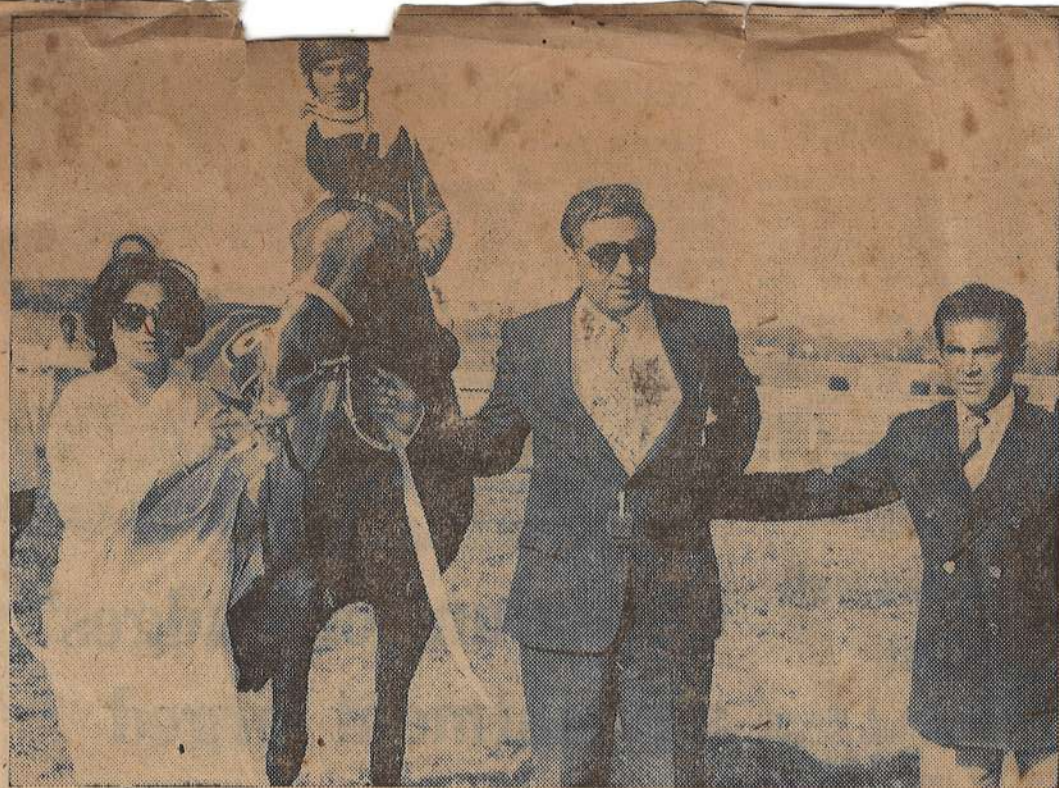
Rockle Cup 1,600 Metres: BERGAMO (Mr. & Mrs. S. C. Khatau & N. C. M. Khatau & K. C. Khatau) 54 (Swinburn Jr.) 1, Rollinsky 53 (Roche) 2, Camargue 59 (Swinburn Sr.) 3, Quintana 62 (Baxter) 4. Not run: Fair Friend. 3 1/2L, 2L, N. 1-41.1, Rs. 8.50; Rs. 7, Rs. 9, Rs. 10.50, FP Rs. 29.50. Tanala Rs. 131 and Rs. 49.50. (Nosher Cama).

Madras Race Club Cup 1,400 Metres: POUGHKEEPSIE (Mr. & Mrs. Masoom Master) 47.5 (Aslam Kader) 1, Soldier of Fortune 54.5 (Roche) 2, Lucky Victory 46 (Amjad Khan) 3, Valorozky 52.5 (Craine) 4. Not run: Paradise Bay, Mighty Bird, Sunlitta. 2L, 1 3/4L, 4L, 1-27.8, Rs. 19.50, Rs. 7, Rs. 7, Rs. 14.50, FP Rs. 124. (Imtiaz A. Sail).

Bangalore Turf Club Cup 1,400 Metres: MISSISSIPPI (Mr. D. N. Anand) 54 (Kumar) 1, Red Ranger 60 (Carson) 2, Sun Bliss 47.5 (A. Fernandes) 3, Turf Girl 48 (Amjad Khan) 4. Not run: Time Monarch, Siraj-Ul-Mulk, Victory Walk, Palm Beach, What a Darling, King's Smile, Princess Pia, Perna, Umer's Crown, Jan-E-Alam, Gallant Bear. 5 1/2L, 1 1/2L, 3/4L, 1-29.4, Rs. 40; Rs. 12, Rs. 7.50, Rs. 42.50, FP Rs. 156.50, Tanala Rs. 7,323 and Rs. 7,323. (Damodaran Pillai).

Periwinkle Plate 1,200 Metres: THE CHAMP (Mr. & Mrs. S. J. Khurana & Mr. R. M. Kukar) 58 (Purtusingh) 1, Young Champion 55 (Solomon) 2, Suttlej 53 (Amjad Khan) 3, Tapajos 59.5 (Mahinder) 4. Not run: The Harmonious, Red Eagle, Little John, Raj Veerendra, Hard Hailed, Small-scale, Summer Game. 8L, 1 3/4L, N. 1-16.7, Rs. 12; Rs. 6, Rs. 13, Rs. 12, FP Rs. 34.50 (Himmat Singh).

Jackpot: Rs. 105,495.50 (4 tickets on Helios, Nelston, Bergamof Poughkeepsie and Mississippi) and Rs. 5,480



Jockey Shinde seen with trainer C. A. Kuttapa and proud owners Major and Mrs P. K. Mehra of Derby winner Nelston.

Nelston upsets in Indian Derby

By Chetak

The 41st running of the Indian Derby had a good field of 11 runners, four years old only, as three of the acceptors had declined to take part. Mr & Mrs P. K. Mehra and Miss Ameeta Mehra's bay Indian colt Nelston, who had been beaten in the South India 2000 Guineas by Amber Flash, took the prestigious plum in his lengthening strides and scored by three long lengths. Only Columbia, the winner of the Ramniwas Ramnarain Ruia Cup, last time, was able to place second in in front of another South India challenger Almagest, while the fourth position on the judge's board was annexed by Birthday Girl, the winner of the South India Derby on January 14.

The form book was cast to the winds during the running of the Indian Derby at Mahaluxmi on Sunday as 40 to 1 outsider Nelston, ridden in exemplary manner by Vasant Shinde, scored a fluent victory, leaving his more highly rated rivals far behind.

The favourite Camino and Ramaswamy's Tribute, the two who were expected to fight out for the richest prize of the Indian Turf, never came into the picture as the totally neglected horse and rider, Nelston and Vasant Shinde forged ahead to win comfortably.

The winner and the third placed horses were trained by C. A. Kuttapa, a trainer who is said to be the understudy of Rashid Byrami, who thereby created a record by his success in the Blue Riband of the Indian Turf.

The favourites for the race,

Camino, Tribute and Busy Lizzie were completely outclassed.

The Derby Day on Sunday was a bad day for punters, as, apart from all the favourites failing in the Derby, Asset, Mikonos, Supernal and Red Ranger failed to bring the bacon home, in the 10 event programme dished out for the afternoon.

Among the riders who donned silks during the day, Deepak was the only rider to bag a double.

Runaway victories were the order, except in a couple of races decided.

The biggest crowd of the season, which assembled to enjoy the sport, were crestfallen after the races concluded in failing light, as the last race was run about 10 minutes late.

Following were the results:

Gold Street Cup — 1900 M: SILENT PARTNER (Mrs P N Paniabi, representing the Estate of the late N D Paniabi) 54 Deepak 1; Vyjayanti 57.5 P Shroff 2; Rose Of Jordan 54 cd. 50.5 Solomon 3; Royal Pepe 51 cd. 48 M Ayub 4. Not run: Sukriti, Salahander and Girnar. 6-1/2L, 4-1/4L, 2-1/4L, 1 min 58.8 secs Rs 10.50, 6.50 and 13. F/c Rs 62. Fav: Silent Partner (D P Pandole).

Hyderabad Race Club Cup (Div I) — 1200 M. TIVOLI (The Scindias of Gwallor) 52.5 cd. 53.5 Baxter 1; Terror 54 cd. 54.5 Shafiq 2; Knockout 52.5 cd. 53 Walter Swinburn 3; Greek Tycoon 54 Barclay 4. Not run: Race 'N' Chase. Dist., 2-3/4L, Head 1 min 15 secs. Rs 14.50, 5.50, 10 & 8.50. F/c Rs 122.50. Fav: Asset. (Maj. V M Lad).

Hyderabad Race Club Cup — Div II — 1200 M. FEELINGS (Mrs P D Tata & Mr N P Tata) 52.5 Deepak 1; Clarion Call 52.5

Carson 2; Air Ace 54 Walter Swinburn 3; Eloquence 52.5 P Shroff 4. Not run: Rajasthan. S-head, 2-1/2L, Dist. 1 min 16.1 secs. Rs 9, 5.50, 8.50 and 5.50. F/c Rs 69.50. Fav: Feelings (D N Adenwalla).

Royal Calcutta Turf Club Cup — 1000 M. TANJA (Mr & Mrs R M Goculdas and Mr Mulraj D Goculdas) 47.5 cd. 46 Hamir Singh 1; Starabella 55 cd. 51.5 Phillips 2; Mikonos 51 V Shinde 3; Subriti 51.5 P Shroff 4. Not run: Moving Splendour and Golden Deer. 7L, 1-1/2L, 6-1/2L, 1 min 1.4 secs. Rs 25.50, 11.50 and 13. F/c Rs 230. Fav: Mikonos (B K Lagad).

Shantidas Askuran Cup — 1200 M. HELIOS (Mr Vispi R Patel, Mrs A L J Talib, Mrs M D Noorani and R N Kanga) 50 P Shroff 1; Natural Time 51 cd. 46 Vinesh 2; Fiesta 53 cd. 54.5 Shafiq 3; Greek Goddess 51 Aslam Kader 4. Not run: Trocadero. 1-1/4L, 1-1/2L, 2L, 1 min 14.8 secs. Rs 11, 5.50, 11.50 and 6. F/c Rs 122.50. Fav: Helios (S S Shah).

Indian Derby — 2400 M. NELSTON (Maj & Mrs P K Mehra and Miss Ameeta Mehra) 57 V Shinde 1; Columbia 57 Barclay 2; Almagest 57 Baxter 3; Birthday Girl 55.5 Lowe 4. Not run: Natural Grace, Bergamo and Trocadero. 3L, 2-1/2L, Neck, 2 mins 33.5 secs. Rs 191.50, 32.50, 7.50 and 37.50. F/c Rs 745.50. Fav: Camino (C A Kutappa).

Rookie Cup — 1600 M. BERGAMO (Mr & Mrs S C Khatau and M/s C M Khatau & K C Khatau) 54 Walter Swinburn 1; Rollinsky 52 cd. 53 Roche 2; Camargue 59 Wally Swinburn 3; Quintana 62 Baxter 4. Not run: Fair Friend. 3-1/2L, 2L, Neck, 1 min 41.1 secs. Rs 8.50, 7, 9 and

10.50. F/c Rs 29.50. Fav: Bergamo (Nosher Cama).

Tanala: Rs 131 and Rs 49.50.

Madras Race Club Cup — 1400 M. POUGHKEEPSIE (Mr & Mrs Masoom Master) 47.5 Aslam Kader 1; Soldier Of Fortune 54.5 Roche 2; Lucky Victory 49.5 cd. 46 Amjad Khan 3; Valorosky 52.5 Craine 4. Not run: Paradise Bay, Mighty Bird and Sunlitta. 2L, 1-3/4L, 4L, 1 min 27.8 secs. Rs 19.50, 7, 7 and 14.50. F/c Rs 124. Fav: Supernal (Imtiaz A. Sait).

Bangalore Turf Club Ltd Cup — 1400 M. MISSISSIPPI (Mr D N Ananad) 54 Kumar 1; Red Ranger 60 Carson 2; Sun Bliss 47.5 A Fernandes 3; Turf Girl 48 cd. 45 Amjad Khan 4. Not run: Time Monarch, Siraj-Ul-Mulk, Victory Walk, Palm Beach, What A Darling, King's Smile, Princess Pia, Prenra, Umer's Crown, Jan-E-Alam, and Gallant Bear. 5-1/2L, 1-1/2L, 3/4L, 1 min 29.4 secs. Rs 40, 12, 7.50 and 42.50. F/c Rs 156.50. Fav: Red Ranger (Damodaran B Pillai).

Tanala: Rs 7,323 and Rs 7,323.

Periwinkle Plate — 1200 M. THE CHAMP (Mr & Mrs S J Khurana and Mr R M Kukar) 58 Purtu Singh 1; Young Champion 58.5 cd. 55 Solomon 2; Sutlej 56.5 cd. 53 Amjad Khan 3; Tapajos 63 cd. 59.5 Mahinder 4. Not run: The Harmonious, Red Eagle, Little John, Raj Veerendra, Hard Hailed, Smallscale and Summer Game. 8L, 1-3/4L, Neck, 1 min 16.7 secs. Rs 12; 6; 13 and 12. F/c Rs 34.50. Fav: The Champ (Himmat Singh).

Jackpot: Rs 1,05,495.50 and Rs 5,480.

Treble: Rs 4,201.50.



Maj. and Mrs. P. K. Mehra lead in their ward Nelston, whom Jockey Vasant Shinde rode to victory in the Indian Derby on Sunday. At extreme right is trainer C. A. Kuttapa.

Nelston humbles classy Derby field

By Ashwamitra

The Indian Derby 1983 at Mahaluxmi on Sunday witnessed eight colts and four fillies battling for an all-time record stake money of Rs. 5,50,040. The fateful event gained unusual importance all over the country particularly at the various racing centres and Nelston, under the guidance of Champion 'Indian' rider Vasant Shinde created history.

The charge of trainer C. A. Kuttappa not only humbled his rivals decisively but also silenced all those who were not prepared to look beyond Camino, Tribute, Birthday Girl and Busy Lizzie.

While trainer R. Byramji must have patted himself for the triumph of his ex-charge, Dr. M. A. M. Ramaswamy must have felt, that all his planning, including a rumour to jockey W. Carson drew a blank.

Incidentally, this well-known rider was in much demand. He donned Silks four times but mis-

sed honours on all occasions. Deepak Pardesi was the lone professional to register the double.

Results:

Gold Street Cup (VA) 1800: Silent Partner (Panjabi) 54 Deepak 1, Vyjayanti 57.5 Shroff 2, Rose Of Jordan 50.5 Solomon 3, Royal Pepe 48 Ayub 4. Not run: Sukriti, Salamander and Ginnar. 6-1/2, 4-1/4, 2-1/4. 1-58.8. Rs. 10.50; 6.50, 13 Fc: 62 (Pandole).

Hyderabad Race Club Cup (Div. I) (3 yrs. Mdns.) 1200: Tivoli (Scindias) 53.5 Baxter 1, Terror 54.5 Shroff 2, Knockout 53 Walter Swinburn 3, Greek Tycoon 54 Barclay 4. Not run: Race 'N' Chase. D, 2-3/4, H. 1-15. Rs. 14.50; 5.50, 10, 8.50 Fc: 122.50 (Maj. Lad).

Hyderabad Race Club Cup (Div. II) (3 yrs. Mdns.) 1200: Feelings (Tatas) 52.5 Deepak 1, Clarion Call 52.5 Carson 2, Air Ace 54 Wally Swinburn 3, Eloquence 52.5 Shroff 4. Not run: Rajasthan. SH, 2-1/2, D. 1-16.1. Rs. 9; 5.50, 8.50, 5.50 Fc: 69.50 (Adenwalla).

Royal Calcutta Turf Club Cup (III) 1000: Tanja (Goculdases) 46 Hamir Singh 1, Starabella 51.5 Phillips 2, Mikonos 51 Shinde 3,

Subriti 51.5 Shroff 4. Not run: Moving Splendour, Golden Deer. 7, 1-1/4, 6-1/2 1-1.4. Rs. 25.50; 11.50, 13 Fc: 230 (B. K. Lagad).

Shantidas Askuran Cup (II) 1200: Helios (Patel, Talib, Noorani and Kanga) 50 Shroff 1, Natural Time 46 Vinesh 2, Fiesta 54.5 Shafiq 3, Greek Goddess 51 Aslam 4. Not run: Trocadero. 1-1/4, 1-1/2, 2. 1-14.8. Rs. 11; 5.50, 11.50, 6 Fc: 122.50 (S. S. Shah).

Indian Derby (Terms) 2400: Nelston (Maj. & Mrs. P. K. Mehra, Miss Ameeta Mehra) 57 V. Shinde 1, Columbia 57 Barclay 2, Almagest 57 Baxter 3, Birthday Girl 55.5 Lowe 4. Not run: Bergamo and Trocadero. 3, 2-1/2, N. 2-33.5. Rs. 191.50; 32.50, 7.50, 37.50. Fc: 745.50 (Kuttappa).

Rocklie Cup (I) 1600: Bergamo (Khataus) 54 Walter Swinburn 1, Rollinsky 53 Roche 2, Camargue 59 Wally Swinburn 3, Quintana: 62 Baxter 4. Not run: Fair Friend. 3-1/2, 2, N. 1-41.1, Rs. 8.50; 7, 9, 10.50 Fc: 29.50 Tanala: Rs. 131 and 49.50 (Nosher Cama).

Madras Race Club Cup (IV) 1400: Poughkeepsie (Masters) 47.5 Aslam 1, Soldier Of Fortune 54.5 Roche 2, Lucky Victory 46

Amjad 3, Valorozky 52.5 Craine 4. Not run: Paradise Bay, Mighty Bird and Sunlitta, 2, 1-3/4, 4. 1-27.8 Rs. 19.50; 7, 7, 14.50 Fc: 124 (Sait).

Bangalore Turf Club Ltd. Cup (VA) 1400: Mississippi (Anand) 54 Kumar 1, Red Ranger 60 Carson 2, Sun Bliss 47.5 A. Fernandes 3, Turf Girl 45 Amjad 4. Not run: Time Monarch, Siraj-Ul-Mulk, Victory Walk, Palm Beach, What A Darling, King's Smile, Princess Pia, Prerna, Umer's Crown, Jan-E-Alam and Gallant Bear. 5-1/2, 1-1/2, 3/4. 1-29.4. Rs. 40; 12, 7.50, 42.50 Fc: 156.50 Tanala: Rs. 7,323 and 7, 323 (Pillai).

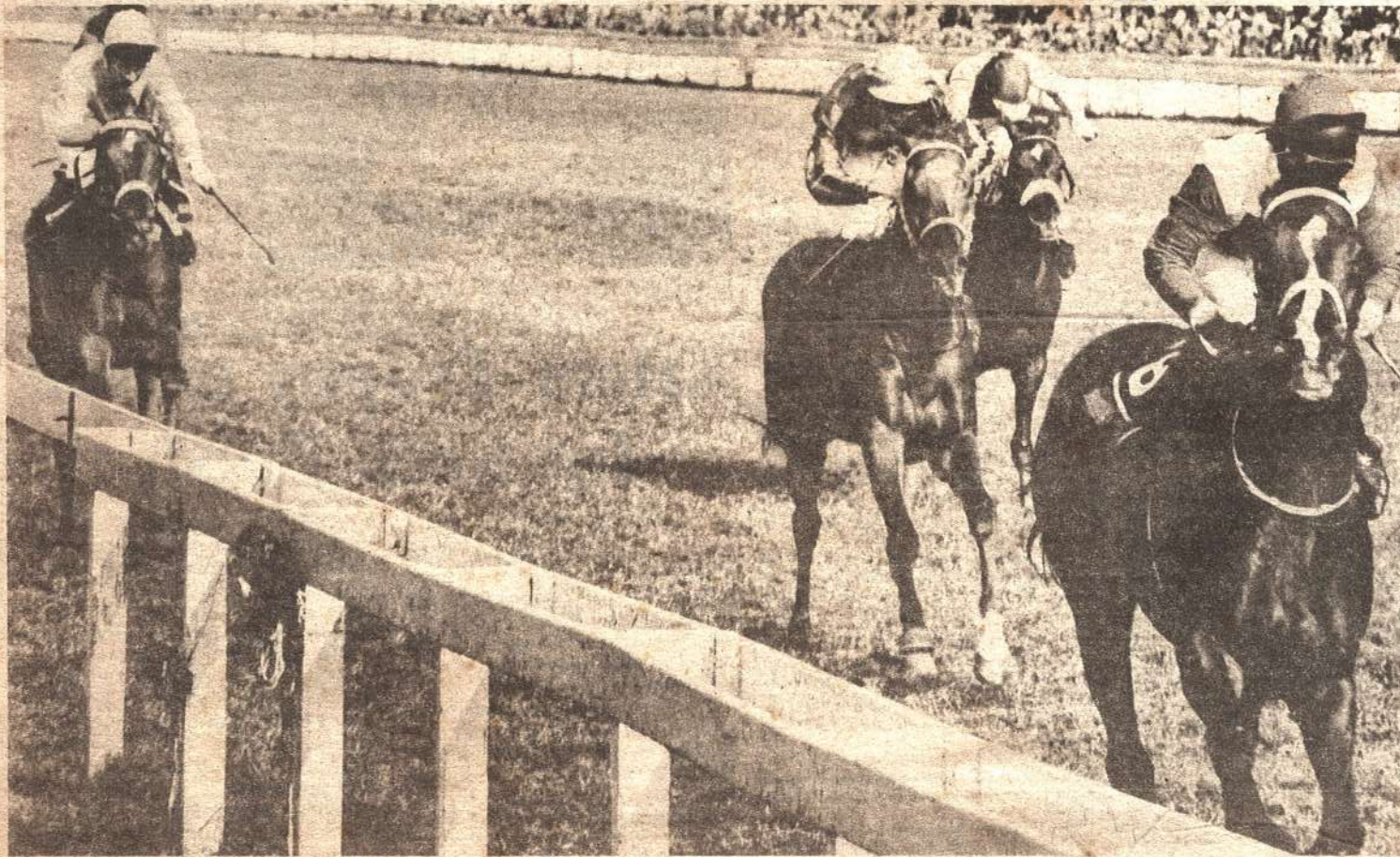
Periwinkle, (VB) 1200: The Champ (Khurana and Kakar) 58 Purtu Singh 1, Young Champ 50 Solomon 2, Sutlej 53 Amjad 3, Tapajos 59.5 Mahinder 4. Not run: The Harmonious, Red Eagle, Little John, Raj Veerendra, Hard Hailed, Smallscale and Summer Game. 8, 1-3/4, N. 1-16.7. Rs. 12; 6, 13, 12 Fc: 34.50 (Himmat Singh).

Treble: Rs. 4,201.50 (18 Tickets).

Jackpot: Rs. 1,05,495.50 (4) and

Consolation: Rs. 5,480 (33).

Nelston: Derby shock



SURPRISE WINNER... Nelston, ridden by Vasant Shinde, wins the Indian Derby from Columbia, Almagest and Birthday Girl. Pic by FIROZE MISTRY.

By The Daily Staff

BOMBAY, Feb. 6

If seldom before the Indian Derby had such an open aspect, the result this afternoon at Mahalaxmi left almost everyone on the course dumbfounded.

The Hyderabad and Mysore Derby winner, Nelston, with Vasant Shinde astride, romped home a comfortable winner in a fairly good timing.

It wasn't as much the victory of Nelston as the total failure of the strongly fancied contenders to figure in the frame that took one's breath away.

Camino, beaten only once in the current season, was duly installed favourite. There was then the much-advertised credentials of the got-abroad Tribute, to ride whom owner M. A. M. Ramaswamy had engaged Willie Carson—flown all the way from England for the occasion. Busy Lizzie and Birthday Girl were the others favoured to do well.

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BOMBAY, February 6.

LITTLE fancied Nelston, ridden by V. Shinde, won the richest-ever Indian Derby over 2400 metres, at the Mahalaxmi here today. The winners purse was:

Nelston Rs. 3,70,026, owned by Maj. and Mrs P. K. Mehra and Miss Ammeta Mehra of Delhi, was three lengths clear of Columbia at the wire.

Favourite Camino failed to figure on the board.

With Natural Grace, Bergamo and Trocadera declining, there were 11 runners.

Indian Derby 2,400 Metres: Nelston (Maj. P. K. Mehra and Miss Ammeta Mehra) 57 V. Shinde 1. Columbia 57 (A. Barclay) 2. Almagest 57 (G. Baxter) 3. Birthday Girl 55-1/2 (Lowe) 4. Not run: Natural Grace, Bergamo, Trocadero. Rest 11 ran. Won by: 2-1/2 ls, neck. Time: 2 mins. 33.5 secs. Tote: Rs. 191.50 for win, Rs. 32.50, Rs. 7.50, Rs. 37.50 for places.

Winner trained by: C. A. Kuttappa.



Nelston (V. Shinde up) is seen majestically winning the Indian Derby 1983 at Mahaluxmi on Sunday from Columbia (A. Barclay) and his own stable mate Almagest (G. Baxter). The victor is the property of Major and Mrs. P. K. Mehra and Miss Ammeta Mehra, saddled by trainer C. A. Kutappa.

Nelston: Derby shock

By The Daily Staff

BOMBAY, Feb. 6

If seldom before the Indian Derby had such an open aspect, the result this afternoon at Mahalaxmi left almost everyone on the course dumbfounded.

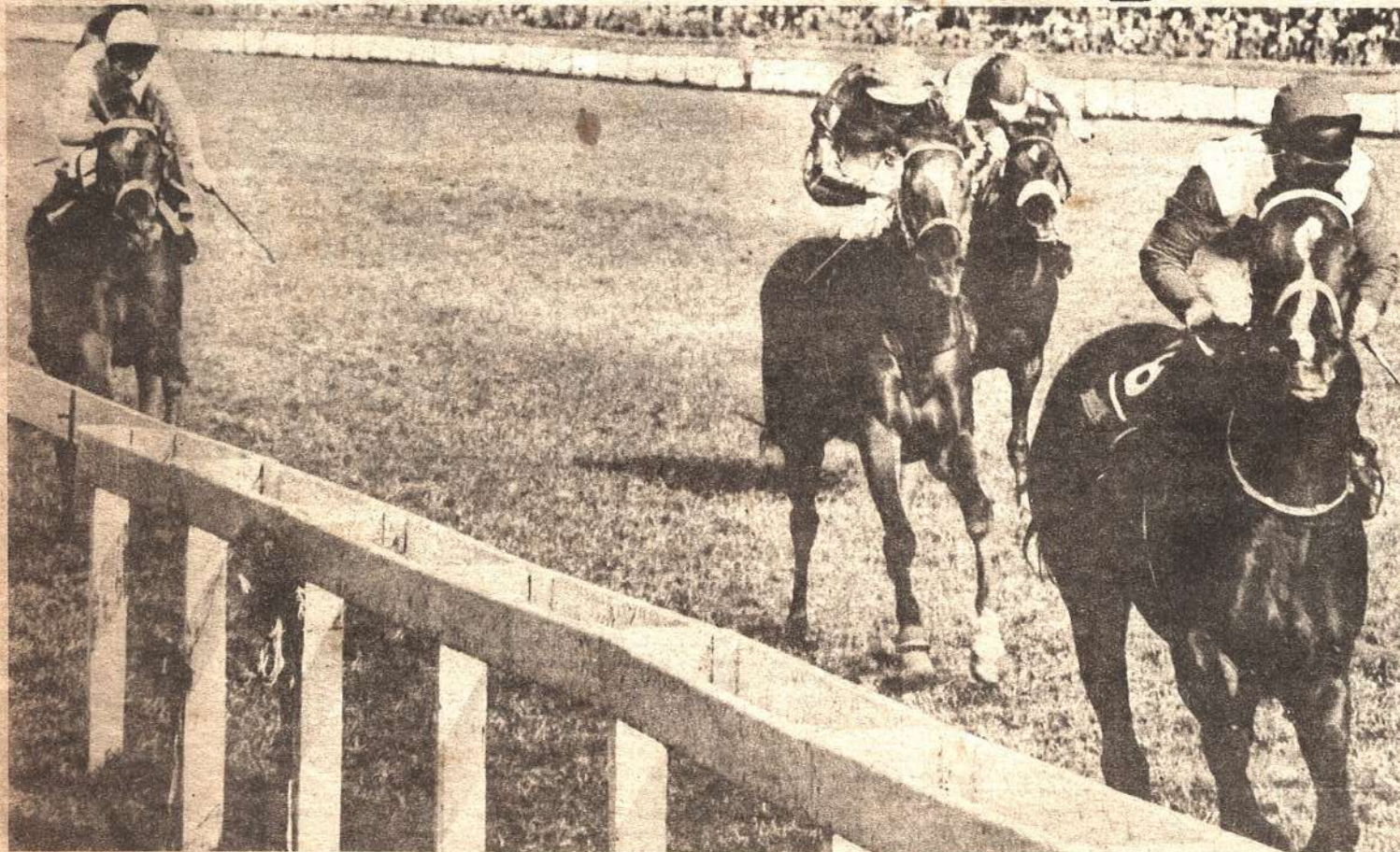
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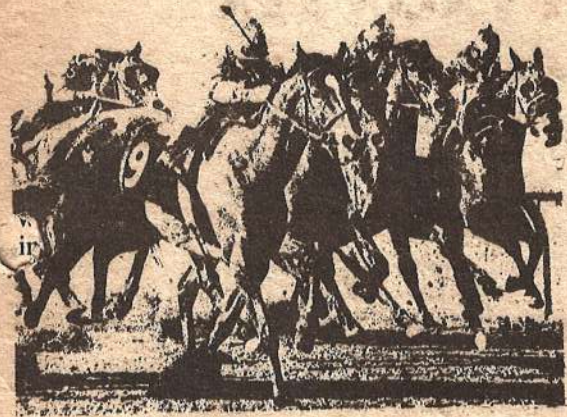
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SURPRISE WINNER... Nelston, ridden by Vasant Shinde, wins the Indian Derby from Columbia.

Almost and Birthday Girl. Pic by FROZE MISTRY



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The Indian Derby

Nelston's Stunning Triumph

The Reject Who Won The Derby

Nelston a Grey Gaston ex-Nelciana bay colt bred at the Usha Stud and Agricultural Farm became the longest priced winner of the Indian Derby in the last decade, when with a jubilant Vasant Shinde on his back, he convincingly beat the best of his age by 3 long and easy lengths. The dramatic victory left mammoth crowd gaping in disbelief and they watched in mesmerised awe as Nelston proceeded to demolish the form books tearing them into minute little shreds.

This was certainly Nelston's finest hour. He out-gunned the opposition to score a decisive victory pundits the world over will have to acknowledge, but probably fail to explain. Trainer C. A. Kuttappa deputising for Rashid Byramji at Bombay, thus became the second trainer to saddle an Indian Derby winner in his first attempt. He also had the distinction of saddling Almagest who finished 3rd. For Kuttappa the Indian Derby was like a

dream come true, and it will probably remain etched in his mind for time in memorial.

For the beaming owners cum breeders of the winner, Maj and Mrs. Pradeep K. Mehra and Miss Ameeta Mehra the victory must have meant much more than what met the public eye. Nelston was the colt no buyer would buy as they felt he was not worth the price being asked for him. He was the reject, the cast off who Maj. Mehra retained and "Oh what a retention that was my countrymen" The crowd looked on and Nelston showed them they had under-estimated his worth, for in a space of just 2 min. 33.5 sec. he won the richest Derby ever, to give his owners the sum of Rs. 3,57,526 and a trophy valued Rs. 12,500/- but worth a lot more than that to the man who won it.

THE BETTING: With Natural Grace being withdrawn on veterinary grounds, a field of seven colts and four fillies lined up to face the starter for the Blue Riband

of the Indian Turf. Camino was the favourite at 5 to 2 while Tribute at threes was second in demand. Then came Busy Lizzie and Birthday Girl at sevens and eights, followed by Columbia at twelves along with Almagest. Nelston just for the record was 40 to 1 with at least two bookmakers.

THE RACE: Tribute who gave quite a bit of trouble to be stalled was finally backed in and finally the field of eleven was under starters orders and away. Charmer went streaking into the lead to set a real rollicking gallop, followed by Nelston with Camino settling well into 3rd place alongwith Almagest. Then came Busy Lizzie, Nebraska and Regal Gleam while Tribute, Birthday Girl and Bravissima stayed in the rear along with Columbia.

At the half way mark Charmer had shot his bolt and it was Almagest who took over with Nelston cruising into 2nd place. Camino was on his tail, as was Busy Lizzie but Tri-

bute and Willie Carson were in trouble. She was being scrubbed and obviously did not take kindly to it and had her ears laid back and her head up in the air. Columbia and Birthday Girl too made steady progress and at the six, the fun and games really began.

INTO THE STRAIGHT

Shinde gave Nelston a backhander and put him into top gear, and the effect was electrifying. He bounced away from the field and in a trice was four or more lengths clear without showing Contd. on page 2

THE INDIAN DERBY FINAL PLACING

	JOCKEY	TRAINER	STAKES (RS.)
1. NELSTON	(V. Shinde)	C. A. Kuttappa	3,70,026
2. COLUMBIA	(A. Barclay)	D. Pandole	1,10,008
3. ALMAGEST	(G. Baxter)	C. A. Kuttappa	60,000
4. BIRTHDAY GIRL	(J. Lowe)	A. B. David	10,000
5. CAMINO	(W. R. Swinburn)	N. Cama	
6. BUSY LIZZIE	(S. Craine)	B. Lagad	
7. TRIBUTE	(H. Carson)	A. B. David	
8. NEBRASKA	(A. Kader)	I. Sait	
9. REGAL GLEAM	(C. Roche)	B. Lagad	
10. BRAVISSIMA	(M. Kinane)	Uttam Singh	
11. CHARMER	(P. Woods)	A. B. David	

WON By 3l, 2½l. Nk.
 TIME 2 min. 33.5 sec.



Nelston (V. Shinde) winning the Indian Derby from Columbia (Barclay), Almagest (Baxter) on the rails, & Birthday Girl (Lowe) on the outside. Busy Lizzie (Craine) was fifth. Alongside (above right) Maj & Mrs P. K. Mehra and trainer C. A. Kuttappa leading in the winner.