

following a consultation yesterday between O'Brien and his vet. The colt has suffered two setbacks since Epsom, and there is reckoned insufficient time to have him ready for the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe on Oct. 3.

It was announced in mid-June that Golden Fleece was suffering from a nasal discharge, which would probably keep him out of all the big midsummer races.

Yesterday's statement revealed that when this trouble had cleared up, Golden Fleece

Races on TV

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1.45 RIPON	ITV
2. 0 SANDOWN	ITV
2. 0 CHESTER	BBC
2.15 RIPON	ITV
2.30 SANDOWN	ITV
2.30 CHESTER	BBC
2.45 RIPON	ITV
3. 0 SANDOWN	ITV
3. 0 CHESTER	BBC

TODAY'S SANDOWN PARK SELECTIONS

HOTSPUR	COURSE CORR.	FORM
1.50—THORNDOWN (nap)	1.50—THORNDOWN (nap)	1.50—Queen's Home
2. 0—Mennea		2. 0—Mennea
2.50—Kuwait Tower	2.50—The Fort	2.50—NAAR (nap)
3. 0—Woll Star	3. 0—Avon Express	3. 0—Woll Star
3.35—Basil Boy		3.35—Steeple Bell
4.10—Voracity	4.10—Voracity	4.10—Devon Air

HOTSPUR'S DOUBLE.—Thorndown and Kuwait Tower.
NEWMARKET NAP.—The Fort (2.50).

began to be affected by slight lameness in a hind leg.

Lameness in the same leg had briefly interrupted his Derby preparation during mid-May and made him a doubtful runner for about a week.

Few of Golden Fleece's beaten Derby opponents have since paid

up a successful week for Dick Hern's stable by winning the Sportsman Club Handicap. I fancy this 10 furlongs will suit him better than a mile which has been the distance of all Thorndown's races so far this season.

Gallant Special and On Stage will challenge the two top French

Course Notes & Hints

THORNDOWN DAY'S BEST

By Our Course Correspondent

THORNDOWN*, who has shown admirable consistency in his five outings, is weighted to land today's Sportsman Club Handicap (1.30) at Sandown Park.

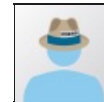
Dick Hern's colt gave the odds-on That's My Son a tough fight at Salisbury recently and had previously run Mennea to a length at Goodwood.

The Fort showed marked improvement on his debut run when slamming a big field at Newmarket last time. Henry Cecil's colt may foil Naar's hat-trick attempt in the Inter-craft Solario Stakes (2.50).

The Fort's jockey, Lester Piggott, may complete a double on Voracity in the Ladbroke Holidaymakers Maiden Stakes (4.10) and Avon Express is fancied for the Blackwood Hodge Selling Stakes (5.0).

Voracity was a heavily-backed favourite when second to Miramar Reef at Newmarket last month. He may recoup losses here, at the main expense of the disappointing Devon Air.

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