

WINTER RACING STARTS AGAIN AFTER THREE YEARS

Much of the glory of pre-war Cheltenham, known as the Ascot of steeplechasing, was revived when the National Hunt season opened. In the crowd and in the paddock, where the stable-boy was not in evidence, There were many signs that this was war-time racing, Bookies found money plentiful and experts from across the Atlantic helped to swell the takings. There were seven races. ~~A few thousand people settled back to enjoy the fine spectacle of British blood stock over the hurdles on the loveliest winter course in the country.~~

~~Birthlaw~~ Birthlaw won the ~~first event~~, the Rosehill hurdle.

~~The New Year chase, three miles~~

(girls) There were a few spills, some of them heavier than jockies like on hard ground, but taking it all round this essentially English sport provided a great afternoon's enjoyment.