

Wedding bells for two racing families as popular Turf personalities came under starter's orders at St. Mary's, Newmarket.

Champion Jockey Doug Smith watches Frank ~~Barlow~~ Barlow take "the photo-finish of the year" - bridegroom Manny Mercerk a short head in front of brother Joe - his best man. /s

And here comes the bride - lovely Susan Wragg - ~~daughter~~ daughter of the famous Harry - now one of our leading trainers.

Last season, Manny rode as first jockey for trainer Harry Wragg; but now he has to call him Father - as he leaves the Church with his charming bride. /

The couple met about five years ago. Meanwhile, as Manny and his ~~jockey~~ fellow jockeys enjoy a well-earned holiday from the racing limelight, (if not the saddle), National Hunt racing brings thrilling sport to winter days ^{with, of course, the Grand National to look forward to} as the finale ~~cue~~ cue

This was the first day of the November Meeting at Kempton Park; but the winning double of the day was at Newmarket. /

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