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RACING NEWS:

Francasal and Santa Amaro, the two horses involved in the Bath "ringer" case of last year are put up for auction at Epsom, Santa Amaro, on the left was run under the name Francasal and won. Francasal a far from speedy colt, had had little previous success, and suspicions were aroused. The switch was revealed and, later, four men were sent to jail. Santa Amaro is first under the hammer of auctioneer George Forbes. Worth £2000 before the switch, Santa Amaro goes for £420 to Mr. Gordon Gilbert, acting as agent for a Mr. Blythe. Now Francasal enters the ring.

An ex-Cavalry officer, Major Methven, bids for the colt which, as a two-year old, cost £800. Bidding is brisk, but down comes the auctioneer's hammer, and Francasal goes to the Major for only £168. In trouble last year was Irishman Paddy Prendergast a great trainer with a large stable in Ireland. Paddy, on the left, was banned from racing in England after Blue Sail was beaten at Ascot. The ban which was imposed by the Jockeys Club, has now been lifted, and Paddy gets ready for an all-out effort in the forthcoming meeting at York.

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