

SPORT.

Grand National Day in Dixie - a thrilling 3 mile gallop over timber with the "horsey Set" (better known as gentlemen Jockeys), in the saddle.

It's a gala day for society folk from New York to the Carolinas; a Steeplechase setting a scene as colourful as an English hunting print.

Casualty number one. It's a tough course and the fences begin to take their toll.

"Rustic Romance", the favourite has lost his rider, which means there 're a lot of punters running around the paddock without any shirts on. Nicely over the brushwood, Rustic Romance ignores the shouts of the crowd about his parents, and shows Killmaleck the way to the winning post.

And so we say farewell to Dixie and travel to the Bahamas, to see the Duke and Duchess of Windsor refereeing a charity golf match. Walter Hagen drives off to be followed by Gene Sarazen. Now Tommy Armour gets away. The Duchess sees the famous Bobby Jones in action.

Enriching the Bahamas Red Cross by seven thousand dollars, the Duke and Duchess share the spotlight with their guests.

Now Tommy Armour, the canny Scot puts down a long shot. The Duke takes his refereeing quite seriously. Even Bobby isn't used to having such royal assistance. So what? So he misses. Thanks Governor.

Now the great Hagen demonstrates that his putting-eye is just as keen as ever. Armour takes a head, on what looks like a sure thing - but that's golf for you. The affair's quite a triumph for the Duchess, and as Tommy rolls home the deciding putt, Jones and Armour win the match 3 and 2.

As President of the Bahamas Red Cross, the Duchess presents the contestants with personal tokens of appreciation. A fitting conclusion to a good day's sport.