

TUESDAY MORNING

Jockey Morny Cannon
Talks of Present Day
Riders in England

Mornington Cannon, son of Tom Cannon, and at one time by far the most popular jockey in England, possessing a bigger following than even the great Fred Archer himself, has been giving his ideas on present-day jockeyship and some recollections. From 1884 to 1890 were some of Cannon's best years. Flying Fox, the jockey who became M. B. Blane at \$25,000, was the best horse he ever rode, so he says, and he won the Derby in 1889, the late Duke of Westminster in 1890, Cannon's highest number of wins were 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, and in 1891, 1892. Prior to Tom Cannon's advent and the introduction of his style, Cannon was regarded as the greatest horseman of his day. He retired, owing to rheumatism. Whereas there used to be a dozen or more first-class jockeys in England, there are now but two or three.

Cannon graduated in a strict riding school, too, presided over by T. Cannon, and often rode five hours a day in his youth, summer and winter. He considers that in order to become perfect, jockeys should not be taught the crouch in the elementary stages, as the young riders cannot possibly obtain perfect control over their horses. The seat should be "modified," so Cannon considers. This, he thinks, works admirably for free-jumping, but not, however, with those who require humoring. Sloan, he considers, was a genius. He first of all rode in the style of end of a race, and he adopted the waiting style. Few who have copied him, Cannon considers, ever achieved the brilliancy for they did not possess his remarkable judgment of pace, held to be the supreme art of jockeyship.

It is doubtful whether Cannon's record at Doncaster in 1884 was ever beaten, or even equaled, in England, as he rode six winners in the four days, or all the principal winners at the meeting. Cannon's style was high man, with the head and neck straight, and the body straight, the Central League, the score of 1884 by Cannon was 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 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