

Solfo May Beat Derby Winner

By THE SCOUT (Cyril Luckman)

DONCASTER, Tuesday.

I HOPE to find a good equine friend in Solfo in tomorrow's St. Leger, but I lost one when Finalist left Lambourn today en route for India.

Finalist has been bought by a maharajah with a view, first, to the Eclipse of India at Bombay in February.

It will be the five-year-old's last chance in that very valuable race.

With all his 9st. 6lbs. he would have been back for the Cambridgeshire again—he should have won in 1935.

He was already one of the early favourites in lists.

Defeat Of Mirza II.

NOW for Mirza II's first defeat and this is the last summary of St. Leger prospects. I had feared that restrained tactics on youngster who had "swept away" five races off the feed might not prove so successful—whatever happened at home.

We must admit now, of course, that the sixth furlong was too much for the 5-2 on chance.

He drew level with Portmarnock but Sir Humphrey de Trafford's good home-bred winner beat him fairly and squarely by half a length—and made all the running to do so.

I cannot say what would have happened had "Mirzy" again dashed away and gained his usual long lead, for he has demonstrated over five furlongs how disconcerting that can be to the opposition.

The start was delayed twelve minutes, for Agincourt had dashed through the barrier unshipped Smith, and covered part of the St. Leger as well as the straight course before he turned and was eventually caught. He came under orders, so the backers lose.

Strike had "come in" cutely as planned on Mirza II, and pulled him alongside to test Mid-day Sun at the finish.

Mange Taut's bold running today may be taken as a tip for Sultan Mahomed in the same colours but don't forget Solfo gave him 20s. and a length at Goodwood.

There is a growing belief in Fair Copy to get the journey under present conditions. I think, however, doubtful-staying Goya II is the more likely of the two to last out the trip and make M. Boussac's "Frenchman" the long shot.

I can get no encouragement for Full Sail and cannot think Senior, Double Bracket, and the flyy Sweet Content good enough for an English classic. Strive's possible farewell classic mount Remardo is well behind Solfo.

So it must be "nan" on SOLOFO, with natural respect for Mid-day Sun's proved prowess, and Goya II the long shot against Fair Copy and Sultan Mahomed.

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DONCASTER
3.15—SOLOFO
Double :
Solfo and Honorum
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back at once. He was drawn No. 7 but they all went over to the far side at once.

Smirke was sitting upright on the favourite, who showed, however, no dash when asked a question against a good run.

Portmarnock gave no rope whatever. He will not run again this year. He is in all the classics and also two Eclipse Stakes—and has put the Perifox stable in the market again.

Sir Abe Bailey must consider himself lucky that Portmarnock was not quite forward enough again to tackle Golden Sovereign in the Gimcrack. Whether Mirza II and not Khan Bahadur now runs in the Middle Park was left undiscussed.

Frank Butlers looked staggered. He must have recalled Hailan three years ago, and how "Mirzy's" dam Mumtaz Mahal failed to get six furlongs.

Will Be Hard

I DOUBT if the St. Leger course could be much firmer on the far stretch. Only the straight seems watered. That fact cannot be sidestepped. Bassett Jarvis realised it when he discussed Solfo. "He has, however, been going excellently at home and is very well indeed," he added.

The trainer also shared my view that apart from the Derby winner Mid-day Sun no runner has better form credentials since Epsom.

Sultan Mahomed has not much to make up, and there is his recent win over Perifox—but he did not run in the Derby and Ascot was rather soon after for Solfo. I think the Sultan will beat Perifox again on firm ground.

Gordon Richards has become free to accept the eleventh-hour mount on Lord Glanely's fancied outsider Chumleigh, for Lawson advised Lord Astor to scratch Cash Book owing to the hard ground.

Horses For Courses

DONCASTER.—Left hand. New mile course for the first time. Second round of the best for race up to that distance. Round course is a little short of two miles, and low track. Total distance is 10 furlongs, or 13m. 13yds. in part of this course.

The only previous winner unplaced today was Solfo, who has been withdrawn from the Rufford Abbey Handicap.

Sir Abe Bailey's Maranta remains the

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DONCASTER

SAFETY BET.
3.15—Solfo

THE SCOUT	2.30 1m. Royal Star	2.15 1m. 6f. 13yds. Solfo (nap)	3.50 6f. Akbar	4.20 2f. Honorum (N.b.)	4.50 2m. 2f. Faithes Vos Jeux (f ab Silver Lance)	5.2f. Portefeuille
WHAT THE BOOK SAYS	Revresco	Mid-day Sun (nap)			Faithes Vos Jeux	Portefeuille
TATTENHAM (S. Express)	Milton Abbas (Napoleo)	Sultan (nichamed Goya II; 2 Chumleigh)	Starred (Silver Rattoo)	Bifariella (f ab Honorum)	Bughris	Portefeuille

THE SCOUT'S TOTE DOUBLE.—Solfo and Honorum.

Probables, Jockeys, And Betting For The St. Leger

FOLLOWING are probable starters and jockeys, with owners and their colours, for the St. Leger, to be run over one mile six furlongs, 132 yards at Doncaster this afternoon (3.15). All carry 9st. except Sweet Content (8st. 11lbs.), the only filly in the field.

421 SENIOR (Mr. W. Barnett); b c by Trig—Wain Maiden (Cherry, black each, primrose and white quartered cap). (R. C. Dawson) J. Crouch

201 GOYA II. (M. M. Boussac), b c by Tourbillon—Zarba (Orange grey cap). (Lambton) E. C. Elliott

011 SOLOFO (Major J. S. Courtauld), b c by Solaris—Primrose (Primrose, light blue striped sleeves, primrose cap). (B. Jarvis) T. Lowry

211 FAIR COPY (Lord Derby), br c by Fairway—Composite (Black, white cap). (C. Leader) R. Perryman

012 CHUMLEIGH (Lord Glanely); b c by Singapore—Host of England (Black, red, white, and blue belt and cap). (T. Hodge) G. Richards

820 DOUBLE BRACKET (Lieut.-Col. W. J. Honner), b c by Parenthesis—Phenicia (Khaki). (Wellesley) P. Maher

241 SULTAN MAHOMED (H.H. Aza Khan), gr c by Massine—Rollybilly (Green and chocolate hoops, chocolate cap). (Frank Butlers) C. Smirk

111 MID-DAY SUN (Mrs. G. B. Miller), b c by Solaris—Bitter of Allan (Claret, yellow sleeves and cap). (F. S. Butters) M. Beatty

223 SANDSPRITE (Mrs. F. Nagle), b c by Sandwich—Wood Nymph (Rifle Green, red croissants, black velveteen cap, silver tassel). (Hugh Powney) B. Carlake

421 SNOW LEOPARD (Maharaja of Rajpura), gr c by Winslow—Trochee (Purple, cream, sand, quartered cap). (M. Marsh) H. Wrage

210 FULL SAIL (Lord Rosberry), b col by Fairway—Fancy Free (Primrose and rose hoops, rose cap). (J. Jarvis) E. Smith

009 REARNO (Sir Victor Sesson), b c by Foxlaw—Zozette (Peacock blue, old gold hoops, old gold sleeves, peacock blue cap). (B. Jarvis) S. Denohague

02 MARANTA (Sir Abe Bailey), b c by Solaris—Misera (Black and gold hoops, gold cap). (Lawson) T. Weston

412 PERIFOX (Sir William Woodward), b c by Gallant Fox—Periwinkle II. (White, red spots, black cap). (Boyd-Rochfort) P. Bentley

203 SWEET CONTENT (Mr. F. W. Dennis), ch f by Salmon Trout—Belle Soie (Blue and white, halved, red sleeves and peak). (Digby) J. Marshall

REST OF DONCASTER CARD

Stewards: Earl Harwood, Earl Fitzwilliam, Earl Londesdale, Earl of Norfolk.

TOTE DOUBLE: 3.15 and 4.20. (3-Y.O.) One mile.

2.0—CLEVELAND HUPAC: A800. (3-Y.O.) One mile.

005 HUNAAN (Mr. D. Davis), P. Hartigan, 9

Carrie (Bridget Charles Lamont, Lamont, B. 12) ... Carlate

002 HARRIER (Mr. J. H. Whitney), B. Rockfort, 8 9 ... F. Deasy

003 HARRIER (Lord Monk), F. S. Butters, 8 10 ... P. Deasey

100 HARRIER (Mr. J. H. Whitney), Darling, 8 5 ... G. Deasey

004 HARRIER (Mr. J. H. Whitney), F. S. Butters, 8 6 ... P. Deasey

005 HARRIER (Mr. J. H. Whitney), T. E. Lester, 8 1 ... Hickby

242 Every Thing (Col. J. H. Oppenheim), Whitaker, 11 ... Hickby

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Followers Are Also Engaged—

031 Roulade (Mr. R. Gaskell), R. Dawson

032 Turret (Mr. J. H. Aquilina), Building

041 Rattler (Miss H. P. Cowley), Wellensley

042 Vettori (Lady Nuttall), Cottrell

043 Whistler (Mrs. C. Bennett), Holland

044 Portfolios (Mr. T. Thorpe-Smith), Temples

045 Phoenix (Mr. J. Sharpe), Walters

046 Aphrodite (Lord Rosebery), J. Jarvis

047 Phoenix (Mr. W. Downes), T. Hall

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