

Pound Foolish is well backed for the Derby

By THE SCOUT (Cyril Luckman)

CLUB call-over support for Lord Astor's Pound Foolish caused the Derby favourite Pasch to be slightly easier to back yesterday.

Golden Sovereign is now a pronounced second choice at 13 to 2. He was backed to win only £2,000.

His position, however, was further consolidated by the natural opposition to Portmarnock, and the fact that Scottish Union continues to be so weak in the market that 100 to 9 goes begging.

It is not taken as a sign of strength that Scottish Union will not run before June 1, but I think the opposition is based largely on the increasing opinion that he will not last out the extra half-mile at Epsom, as well as when he was runner-up to Pasch over the Rowley miles.

I believe that Curslak has ridden him in a gallop over the full distance, but that is very different from a severe racecourse test of stamina.

BETTER news about Portmarnock, who reappeared at exercise without a bandage on his near foreleg. He cantered five furlongs twice on the tan and appeared sound enough to suggest that Boyd-Rochfort can give him an easy pace gallop today or tomorrow.

When, however, a Derby colt has been slightly snubbed at this late stage it is not a hopeful sign for the completion of a proper preparation.

Anyway, the winter favourite has further receded from nine to 100 to 7.

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a little hedging money to win £1,500 going on 18fifteens.

Boyd-Rochfort also had Glen Illan (offered at twentysix) and Valerian III (down from 50 to 1 to fortes), quoted, but I would have been more interested had Unbreakable been priced.

Lord Astor's Legal Fare has been struck out of Thursday's Stedman Plate, but Pound Foolish will run that day at York in the Great Northern Stakes.

Popular each-way bet

WHEREAS 15 to 8 against Pasch could still be had at the call-over after backing at 7 to 4 to win most of the small bets made, Pound Foolish was supported to take out over £7,000, the rate being clipped from 13 to 1 to 100 to 8.

All this has certainly not "wiped out" Lord Astor's proved mile and a half winner, Cave Man, and Danton Man may be his popular each-way bet. They know he is fit.

With odds of 33 to 1 to win £2,000 had been exhausted, the best call-over offer became 25 to 1. Lord Astor has had two Manton runs before him in the Derby, but you all know their usual Epsom fate!

Mirza II is still at eighteens. The

odds on... J. Lowrey.

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