

Portmarnock may be upset by Troon

By THE SCOUT (Cyril Luckman)

BOOKMAKERS must be hoping that Portmarnock wins Lingfield's Derby "Trial" today in good style. They could do with another well-backed Epsom candidate.

Portmarnock was, of course, the winter favourite, but there is no "between season" market of any importance these days.

I doubt if any big money went on Sir Humphrey de Trafford's colt shortly after he reappeared to finish fourth in the Two Thousand.

Recent opposition has died down and most of the Newmarket regulars are now making light of his stoppage in work last week-end.

Apparently it has not affected him, but Boyd-Rochfort has always found the colt hard to weigh up on the Heath.

The trainer would not accept that Portmarnock had not done as much work as most of his first classic rivals, but I had a feeling then that we would see a very different Portmarnock on June 1.

Wait and see

I AM going to suggest that Troon might beat him at 7lbs. over a mile and a half today. I want to see exactly how Portmarnock is. I have not lost faith by any means for Epsom purposes, but the value of a gallop cannot be overestimated.

Monument, from the same stable, proved, however, in the "Jubilee" that an enforced rest from galloping on jarring ground was a blessing in disguise!

Pasch was only subject to a false rumour that he had jarred himself.

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It looks now as though Mr. Dewar is expecting to take the Epsom risk with Troon—whatever his standing at Beckenham with the stable champion Pasch.

Anyway, they would like Beary to ride, but he wants to try out what a Lad first today. I'm sure this colt wants soft ground, but, after Windsor Lad, naturally his Indian owner has Derby aspirations. Sticklers for classic nomenclature will not accept what a Lad!

False favourite

TROON is three-parts brother to Mr. Dewar's Derby winner Cameronian, and it was not so much the three-year-olds he beat, but the ground he made up easily to do so, which impressed me at Kempton.

I wish him better luck than the stable's Oaks candidate, Croix de Feu, who proved such a false favourite in her Lingfield "trial" yesterday.

Legend of France will not oppose Troon and Boyd-Rochfort's Portmarnock and the maiden Olympus, who gets a stone from his stable mate.

I prefer to judge Olympus on the Newbury race with Mirza II, rather than later Epsom form, and should not be surprised if he beat other maidens like Phenician II, Haleyon Gift, and Eildon Hill, though I did not think Phenician II fortunate at Sandown.

Stamina test

AMONG the top lot are Manoile, better going, and Campion, who will take a mile and a half better than a mile, but Portmarnock should account for these.

Whether he will emulate mid-day Sun last year may depend on his own well-being for this stepping-stone to Epsom, but I'm sure Gordon Richards will be out on Troon to test both the condition and stamina of his Newmarket rival.

It cannot be said that things are going right for the Portmarnock stable. Bold was the latest costly loser yesterday.

By the way, Fred Darling's French candidate Bois-Roussel will make his

LINGFIELD DETAILS

GOING GOOD.

2.0—STERLING CUP (Mr. WALTER NYAN PLATE) Value £185. One mile.—The Queen's St. (Mr. J. D. Smith); 1. S. A. (Mr. J. S. Smith); 2. Mrs. G. L. (Mrs. G. L. Smith); 3. Also, Fata Outlook, Moneyhorse, Grandeur, etc. Total, 100. Time, 2 min. 1 sec.

2.30—WAKA MAIDEN (Plate) 23.0.—Saucy (Mr. F. A. Fitter); 2.0—Saucy (Mr. F. A. Fitter); 3.0—Saucy (Mr. F. A. Fitter); 4.0—Saucy (Mr. F. A. Fitter); 5.0—Saucy (Mr. F. A. Fitter); 6.0—Saucy (Mr. F. A. Fitter); 7.0—Saucy (Mr. F. A. Fitter); 8.0—Saucy (Mr. F. A. Fitter); 9.0—Saucy (Mr. F. A. Fitter); 10.0—Saucy (Mr. F. A. Fitter); 11.0—Saucy (Mr. F. A. Fitter); 12.0—Saucy (Mr. F. A. Fitter); 13.0—Saucy (Mr. F. A. Fitter); 14.0—Saucy (Mr. F. A. Fitter); 15.0—Saucy (Mr. F. A. Fitter); 16.0—Saucy (Mr. F. A. Fitter); 17.0—Saucy (Mr. F. A. Fitter); 18.0—Saucy (Mr. F. A. Fitter); 19.0—Saucy (Mr. F. A. Fitter); 20.0—Saucy (Mr. F. A. Fitter); 21.0—Saucy (Mr. F. A. Fitter); 22.0—Saucy (Mr. F. A. Fitter); 23.0—Saucy (Mr. F. A. Fitter); 24.0—Saucy (Mr. F. A. Fitter); 25.0—Saucy (Mr. F. A. Fitter); 26.0—Saucy (Mr. F. A. Fitter); 27.0—Saucy (Mr. F. A. Fitter); 28.0—Saucy (Mr. F. A. Fitter); 29.0—Saucy (Mr. F. A. Fitter); 30.0—Saucy (Mr. F. A. Fitter); 31.0—Saucy (Mr. F. A. Fitter); 32.0—Saucy (Mr. F. 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