

NO LEGER 'IFS' ABOUT ME, SAYS MID-DAY SUN



P. Beasley.

MIRZA II'S DEFEAT

DESPITE the brilliant sunshine, Doncaster was a sad place yesterday for the Aga Khan and all who hate to see a horse like Mirza II beaten for the first time.

"Not surprised," "I knew he didn't stay," and the like were general remarks after the "unbeatable flyer" had gone under to Portmarnock in a Champagne Stakes that somehow began to lose its sparkle when Agincourt bolted and delayed the start for more than ten minutes.

I am not excusing Mirza II's defeat, but I cannot help thinking that the tactics of dropping him back at the start instead of allowing him to run the race he knows so well may have unsettled him.

Instead of the others having to catch him it was Mirza II who was left to do the chasing.

Between two and three lengths separated him from Portmarnock at one time. When he moved up he appeared to reduce the gap easily enough. But when he got nearly into the lead came the shock.

Portmarnock Wins

In a few strides it was obvious that it was to be so far and no further. Up went Smirke's whip but a flourish on the part of Pat Beasley was all that was necessary for Portmarnock to go on to win by half a length.

Sir Humphrey de Trafford and his trainer, Captain Boyd-Rochfort, were overwhelmed with congratulations on the success of Portmarnock, one of the first with a handshake being Lord Rosebery, who had seen Agincourt go to the post wearing his primrose and rose hoops and come back riderless.

Not much doubt over what will be winter favourite for the Derby. Above all, Portmarnock proved himself a real stayer, and they are the sort you want to find for Epsom.

Prince Aly Khan would not accept the defeat of Mirza II as definite proof that he does not stay. Indeed, I gathered that he shared my view that the riding orders given to Smirke may have been mistaken.

But it is easy to be wise after the event, and we shall be wiser still when Mirza II has had another go over six furlongs in the Middle Park Stakes.

By BOUVERIE

"AND now what do you want to back to beat the favourite?" A leading Tattersall's bookmaker wound up the final "race-special argument" on the St. Leger with a question put in a manner that left no doubt about his ideas.

Several of the party "did not like Mid-day Sun," yet there was a strained silence when it came to the point—backing something to beat him.

Discretion is often the better part of valour. I think it will prove so to-day, for, like him or not, Mid-day Sun is the only horse in the last classic who asks for no excuses.

Mid-day Sun has not captured popular imagination because he has won his races without any spectacular effort. Just enough and no more seems to be his idea. Why not?

Great improvement is claimed for Sultan Mahomed. Yet unless Solfo has stood still he should not beat Major Courtauld's colt on the Ascot form. And Solfo has a lot of ground to make up on Mid-day Sun.

Form in a Tangle

Fair Copy and Perifox have done even more to get the classic form in a tangle. Perifox in particular has been, in turn, a lion and a lamb.

"Give him good going and he'll dance it" says Newmarket; but give me a horse like Mid-day Sun, who is cheerfully impartial to the state of the ground and wins on all sorts of courses.

Mrs. G. B. Miller was the first woman owner to win an Epsom Derby. I hope and believe that she will be the first to lead in a St. Leger winner at Doncaster.

Instead of Maranta, Cash Book became Manton's doubtful runner, and it was finally decided not to start Lord Astor's colt when it was realised how firm the ground had become.

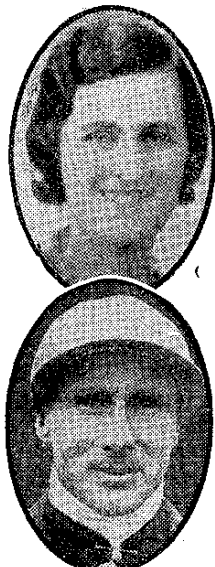
Richards, however, will not be looking on. Instead of Lord Astor's horse he rides Chulmleigh for Lord Glanely, with whom he shared Singapore's St. Leger triumph.

Maranta—Best Long Shot

Tommy Weston told me that Maranta "went like a ball" in his morning spin, and I should think this one is perhaps the best long shot in the race.

Yet if Maranta has any chance at all Mid-day Sun must be a good thing on the form at Salisbury, where he gave Sir Abe Bailey's colt 17lb, and beat him comfortably.

Solfo, and perhaps Sultan Mahomed as well, will prefer softer ground than they will get to-day. On the other hand it should suit Fair Copy, and it will not surprise me as things stand to find Lord Derby's colt doing the final chasing of Mid-day Sun.



Mrs. G. B. Miller and M. Beary, owner and jockey of Mid-day Sun, Bouverie's St. Leger selection.

ST. LEGER STARTERS AND LAST NIGHT'S BETTING

- 421 SENOR (Mr. W. Barnett), br c by Trigo—Wish Maiden, 9-0 ... Crouch 40-7 (Cherry, black sash, primrose and white quartered cap) (R. Dawson)
- 201 GOYA II (M. M. Bousac), b c by Tourbillon—Zariba, 9-0 E. C. Elliott 25-1 (Orange, grey cap) (Iion, G. Lambton)
- 011 SOLFO (Major J. S. Courtauld), ch c by Solario—Paino, 9-0 ... Lowrey 9-1 (Primrose, light blue striped sleeves, primrose cap) (B. Jarvis)
- 211 FAIR COPY (Lord Derby), br c by Fairway—Composure, 9-0 Perryman 17-2 (Black, white cap) (C. Leader)
- 012 CHULMLEIGH (Lord Glanely), b c by Singapore—Rose of England, 9-0 (Black, red, white and blue belt and cap) (Capt. Hogg) G. Richards 25-1
- 330 DOUBLE BRACKET (Lt. Col. W. J. Honner), b c by Parenthesis—Phacelia, 9-0 (Khaki) (Iion, G. Wellesley) Maher 100-1
- 201 SULTAN MAHOMED (H.H. Aga Khan), gr o by Masino—Rollybucky, 9-0 (Green and chocolate hoops, chocolate cap) (M. Butters) Smirke 95-20
- 111 MID-DAY SUN (Mrs. G. B. Miller), b c by Solario—Bridge of Allan, 9-0 (Claret, yellow sleeves and cap) (P. S. Butters) Beary 3-1
- 223 SANDSPRITE (Mrs. F. Nagle), b c by Sandwith—Wood Nymph, 9-0 (Rifle green, red cross-belts, black velvet cap, silver tassels) (H. Pawney) Garstake 20-1
- 421 SNOW LEOPARD (Maharaja of Rajppla), gr o by Winalot—Trochee, 9-0 (Purple, cream sash, quartered cap) (M. Marsh) H. Wragg 66-1
- 210 FULL SAIL (Lord Rosebery), b c by Fairway—Fancy Free, 9-0 E. Smith 25-1 (Primrose and rose hoops, rose cap) (J. Jarvis)
- 003 RENARDO (Sir V. Sassoon), br c by Foxlaw—Zozette, 9-0 ... Donoghue 40-1 (Peacock blue, old gold hoops, old gold sleeves, peacock blue cap) (B. Jarvis)
- 002 MARANTA (Sir A. Bailey), b c by Solario—Mispec, 9-0 ... Weston 40-1 (Black and gold hoops, gold cap) (Lawson)
- 412 PERIFOX (Mr. W. Woodward), b c by Gallant Fox—Periwinkle II, 9-0 (White, red spots, black cap) (Capt. Boyd-Rochfort) P. Beasley 7-1
- 203 SWEET CONTENT (Mr. F. W. Dennis), ch f by Salmon-Trout—Belle Soleil, 8-11 (Blue and white, halved, red sleeves and peak) (Digby) Marshall 45-1

MINOR RACES AT DONCASTER TO-DAY

Tote double races, 3.15 and 4.20.

- 2.0—CLEVELAND HANDICAP (3-Y-O), £600; 1m.
 - 141 CARLISLE (Lambton), 8-12 ... Carlisle
 - 003 LACARDI (F. S. Butters), 8-10 ... P. Jones
 - 333 BARKING FOX (Rochfort), 8-9 ... P. Beasley
 - 010 MILTON ABBAS (P. Butters), 8-6 ... Perryman
 - 441 MERINA (F. Darling), 8-5 ... G. Richards
 - 015 MONOCLE (P. Leader, jun.), 8-1 ... G. Richards
 - 242 EVERY THING GOES (Whitaker), 7-11 ... Middleton
 - 030 HARVEST HOME (H. Sadler), 7-9 ... Christie
 - 013 ROYAL STAR (H. Leader), 7-5 ... Humphrey Foster
 - 060 STOCADO (B. Bullock), 7-5 ... Maher
 - 063 HONQUAN (P. Hartigan), 9-0 ... Beary
 - 200 JUPITER (V. Smyth), 8-11 ... H. Wragg
 - 100 REVIRESCO (Gibson), 8-8 ... H. Wragg
 - 200 HORNPIPE (Lawson), 8-1 ... Donoghue
 - 000 VANITELLI (W. Jarvis), 7-11 ... Richardson
 - 020 BINARY (Blagrove), 7-5 ... Richardson
- Other Entries.—Romford, Tweedledee, By the Way, Farmer John, Recorder.
- Betting Forecast.—11-4 agst Monocle, 4 Merina, 11-2 Every Thing Goes, 6 Barking Fox, 8 Carlisle and Honquan, 70 Reviresco, 100-8 others.

PAGE BOY'S SYSTEM HORSE

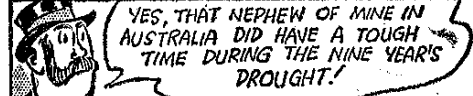
With ordinary fortune LONGRIC GAN, a clever winner at Goo wood, should figure prominently in the Tattersall Sale Stakes to-day. Stake a point and a half. PAGE BOY.

- 2.30—MILTON S. PLATE, £400; 5f.
 - 100 SPIRAX (B. Bullock), 7-7 ...
 - 00 MONSALDALE (M. Vasey), 4-8-7 ...
 - 000 ANAGLYPTA (P. Vasey), 6-8-7 ... Blackshaw
 - 300 NOTHING DAUNTED (Carr), 7-8-7 ... Nevett
 - 330 GENSUS (F. Darling), 3-8-5 ... G. Richards
 - 00 CHINABRIDGE (M. Vasey), 6-8-4 ... McGilgan
 - 00 GREK JIM (Duffy), 6-8-4 ... W. Carr
 - 01 SAN SEBASTIAN (J. Wood), 5-8-4 ...
 - 221 NAKOMIS (Gillpin), 4-8-4 ...
 - 400 WEDDING RING (J. Russell), 6-8-4 ... G. Wells
 - 321 PLATINUM RINGS (H. Peacock), 2-6-11 ... Sharples
 - 000 TARDUIN (Wellesley), 3-8-2 ... Maher
 - 420 BANGO (G. Armstrong), 3-8-2 ... D. Smith
 - 3 FLOWING TIDE (Easterby), 3-8-2 ... H. Gunn
 - 00 PLANTAGRA (Beatty), 3-8-2 ... Crouch
 - 03 BARDANUS (Easterby), 2-7-7 ...
 - 444 TERVEA (F. Mather), 2-7-4 ... Christie
 - 002 GLENMAKERIN (Easterby), 2-7-4 ...
 - 40 SAUGHRIE (Easterby), 2-7-4 ...
 - 000 APPLE (F. Armstrong), 2-7-0 ... Richardson
 - 060 SUEZ (Scottie), 2-6-11 ...
 - 133 SKIDAW (Easterby), 2-6-11 ...
 - 300 MISS RHUBARB (Easterby), 2-6-11 ...
 - 00 LOVE TOKEN (J. Russell), 2-6-11 ...
 - 31 PLATINUM RINGS (H. Peacock), 2-6-11 ...
- Betting Forecast.—6 agst Bango, 13-2 Nothing, 10 Bantled, 8 Census, Monk Vendor, Nakomis and San Sebastian, 10 Plantagra and Monsalade, 100-8 Royal Apple, 100-6 Anaglypta, Chinabridge and Grek Jim, 20 others.
- 3.15—ST. LEGER STAKES, £12,115. (Starters and jockeys above)
 - 3.50—BRADGATE PARK NURSERY, £250; 6f.
 - 210 GHAB ULLIN (Hammett), 9-1 ... J. Taylor
 - 031 EL OBRO (R. W. Collins), 9-0 ...
 - 040 STELLA MARINA (J. Waugh), 8-7 ...
 - 000 TIN HAT (T. Leader, jun.), 8-5 ... Stokes
 - 060 TERRACE (J. Jarvis), 8-5 ... E. Smith
 - 012 BEN MOLE (Sneyd), 8-5 ... Sprague
 - 012 LOVELY SCOTLAND (H. Smyth), 8-5 ... Sharples
 - 000 BRIGADORE (Lawson), 8-4 ... G. Richards

Racing Selections By Our Experts

| DONCASTER | 2.0 | 2.30 | 3.15 | 3.50 | 4.20 | 4.50 | 5.5 |
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| BOUVERIE | Monocle | Census | Mid-day Sun* | Earnalot | Long-riggan | Foxfield | Porte-feuille |
| Place horses | Barking Fox | Royal Apple | Fair Copy | Starred | Eppie Adair f | Faites Vos Jeux | Garrison Bridge |
| HEATHMAN (Newmarket) | Monocle | — | Sultan Mahomed | Starred* | Long-riggan | Rod-mont | Lizzie f |

Bouverie's Double.—*Mid-day Sun and Foxfield.



Ruggles



Captain Boyd-Rochfort, who has a fancied runner, Longricgan, at Doncaster to-day.