

POUND FOOLISH . . . 3 SCOTTISH UNION . . . 2 PASCH . . . 1

This is the

# FINISH BOUVERIE EXPECTS TO-DAY

**Z**ERO hour again! Just before three o'clock to-day the Derby field will be straining at the "gate" in that far corner with its tree-lined background on Epsom Downs.

The roll has been called . . . the draw for places checked. A few yards behind the gate a man holding a white flag hoists it into the breeze—horses and jockeys are "under orders."

Captain Allison has mounted the starter's platform. His hand is on the lever. A horse backs out from the centre . . . Another swings round on the outside. A minute's delay seems an hour to the breathless, waiting crowd.

A flick here and there from the whip of the starter's assistant eventually helps to get them in line. At last! Down goes the lever . . . swish go the tapes as they fly above the heads of the unleashed horses . . . "they're off."

At the other end of that horseshoe mile and a half waits Mr. Malcolm Hancock in the judge's box, but I shall be disappointed if we do not know that Pasch has won before the numbers go into the frame.

Captain Cuttle, Coronach, Manna and Cameronian all "judged themselves" when they went to Epsom from Beckhampton. On all that has been seen of Pasch and his rivals why shouldn't he follow suit?

Remember Pasch was "discovered" long before he won at Kempton and went on to play such havoc with the Guineas field.

Before the season opened and before Pasch had seen a racecourse I wrote in these columns that he was regarded as "the best horse they had had at Beckhampton for years."

That opinion surely holds good after his smashing victories at Kempton and Newmarket.

Some are looking askance at Pasch because Gordon Richards has never ridden a Derby winner. Surely they are forgetting the dictum of the old stager who pointed out the impossibility of "coming without the horse."

Richards has ridden in the Derby on thirteen occasions. Never before has he been on the favourite. Four times his mounts have started at 100 to 1. In 1925, the first year he was champion, Gordon was on the 200 to 1 chance Solitary. Fred Archer and Danny Maher rolled into one could not have done much with that

sort. Portmarnock, Mirza II and Scottish Union were the best two-year-olds of last season. They ran almost true to form in the Guineas, yet none of them had a chance against Pasch. Why should any of them turn the tables to-day?

Logic points to Scottish Union being second. Sentiment attracts nearly all of us to Golden Sovereign and Pound Foolish, not to mention the latter's stable companion Cave Man.

Sir Abe Bailey returned to South Africa last year after having a leg amputated. He lost the other a few months ago, but insisted on coming back to see Golden Sovereign attempt to bring off what he describes as "a good gamble."

Lord Astor, like Sir Abe Bailey, has never won the Derby, but against the latter's one second — Robin Goodfellow to Bahram — he has gone so near and yet so far on no fewer than four occasions.

Of the two I think Lord Astor has the better chance to-day, because Pound Foolish and Cave Man may both outstay Golden Sovereign.

Stamina, or rather lack of it, may also bring about the downfall of Mirza II, whose chance depended so much on the ground remaining firm. Nor

does it appear that Tahir, the Aga Khan's other runner, will get the distance.

The "unknown" horse of the race is Bois Roussel, a French colt, who was sold to the Hon. Peter Beatty after winning his only race early this season.

From Paris he came to join Pasch at Beckhampton, and was backed at long prices soon after he arrived.

Since then rumour has done its best to put him on the same plane as Pasch, but I wonder what Richards would say to changing mounts with Elliott!

The least I would like to say about Licence is that the King and Queen will go to Epsom much more than hopeful of seeing the royal colours in the first three.

Here, of course, may be another Sandsprite, who had never won a race before he finished second to Mid-day Sun last year—and has not won since—but the "book" shows Licence 10lb. and four lengths behind Flyon, who is himself merely a "likely outsider."

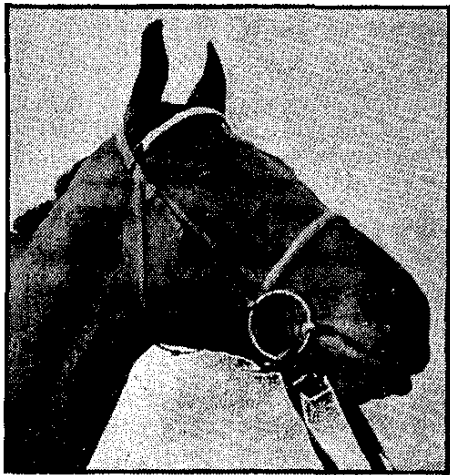
If Licence had not been in the field J. Marshall may not have found himself on Malabar and back in association with the stable that gave him Trigo ten years ago.

Those who search for omens in "late engagements" will be drawn to Malabar and Cave Man, for which Beary had to desert Troon, but form will do for me.

Pasch is the only unbeaten horse in the race. His sire is Blandford, whose sons Trigo, Blenheim, Bahram and Windsor Lad have already made him famous. And he is trained by Fred Darling, the only trainer to send out four Derby winners in modern times.

Add an owner who was lucky enough to win a Derby with Manna, one of the first horses he owned, doesn't it look as if will at last be "come on Gordon" to-day.

### AND HIS BEST OUTSIDER



MALABAR

## Derby Brights

Luckiest Derby owner? . . . The Aga Khan with three firsts in eight years. Mirza II and Tahir will be there to-day to try to make it four.

Beary, Smirke, Weston, Lane, H. Wragg, Marshall and C. Elliott have all ridden Derby winners.

Smirke, Weston and H. Wragg are the only three riding this year who have scored twice.

H. Sprague, seventeen-year-old boy, who has just lost the 5lb. allowance, will be the youngest rider. Bruce Hobbs — the same age — won the National. So watch Blandstar.

Senior jockey is Brownie Carstake, one of the greatest riders ever. What a triumph if he could win his first Derby — at the age of fifty-one — on Scottish Union!

The Maharajah of Rajpipla, Blandstar's owner, saw his colours carried to victory on Windsor Lad on the day Colombo was supposed to be "past the post."

Horses that have scored over the distance are Blandstar, Cave Man, Faroe, Flyon and Pound Foolish.

Five runners for the greatest event in the world have never won a race of any description. They are Licence, Malabar, Halcyon Gift, Slip On and Valerian III.

Seventh Wonder and Halcyon Gift are the only two woman-owned horses. Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Nagle had first and second last year.

Lord Derby, whose famous ancestor was largely responsible for founding the race, has had his share of successes. But Faroe may not be "class" enough to make it Lord Derby's third Derby.

For the people who had dreamt about a clock last year and then backed The Hour instead of Mid-day Sun, don't forget that a dream about a Golden Sovereign may mean Pound Foolish. And if a Cave-Man chases you while you slumber it may only be the effects of the pork for supper.

Steve Donoghue will not be in the saddle to-day for the first time for many years, but his great Epsom triumphs are brought back to memory by his vivid autobiography, "Donoghue Up" (Collins, 10s. 6d.; de luxe signed edition, 2 gns.), which is on sale to-day.

Still clinging to form, I am expecting Scottish Union to beat the others as he did at Newmarket.

For third place it may be Pound Foolish, because his York victory shows that he has improved since the Two Thousand Guineas and he will stay the journey.

If you have a particular fancy of your own as a likely outsider don't let me put you off because my "hunch" is Malabar.

Like Fred Darling, R. C. Dawson knows all about training Derby horses, and in Malabar he has a beautifully bred improving horse that may easily find his way into the first three.

## Cricket at a Glance

MIDDLESEX v. AUSTRALIANS—At Lord's

Match drawn. AUSTRALIANS.—First Innings: 132 (A. L. Hassett 27, A. G. Chipperfield 36; Sims 4 for 25, Nevell 3 for 38). Second Innings: J. H. Fingleton, c Edrich, b Smith, 22; C. L. Badoock, b Nevell, 0; D. Bradman, not out, 36; S. J. McCabe, not out, 46; extras, 4; total (2 wkts dec.), 114.

MIDDLESEX.—First Innings: 188 (Compton 65, J. H. Human 24, R. W. V. Robins 43, McCormick 6 for 58, O'Reilly 4 for 56). Second Innings: 21 for 0 (Edrich 20 not out).

NOTTINGHAM v. HAMPSHIRE—At Nottingham Match abandoned. NOTTS.—First Innings: 290 for 4.

LANCASHIRE v. LEICESTER—At Manchester Match abandoned. LANCASHIRE.—First Innings: 174 for 5 (Flamson 3 for 79).

DERBYSHIRE v. SUSSEX—At Chesterfield Match abandoned.

WORCESTERSHIRE v. SURREY—At Kidderminster Match drawn. SURREY.—First Innings: 192. Second Innings: 101 (Perks 6 for 38).

WORCESTERSHIRE.—First Innings: 132 (Gover 7 for 59). Second Innings: 63 for 7 (Gover 7 for 35).

SOMERSET v. NORTHAMPTON—At Frome Somerset won by 3 wkts. NORTHANTS.—First Innings: 166. Second Innings: 165 (Brookes 41, Partridge 33, Buswell 30, Wellard 7 for 76).

SOMERSET.—First Innings: 271 (M. D. Lyon 122 not out). Second Innings: 65 for 7 (M. D. Lyon 23 not out, Buswell 5 for 32).

GLOUCESTER v. WARWICK—At Bristol Match abandoned. GLOUCESTER.—First Innings: 324 for 5 dec. (Crapp 118 not out).

WARWICK.—First Innings: 148 for 1 (Croom 60 not out, Santall 75).

YORKS v. KENT—At Hull Match abandoned. KENT.—1st Innings: 76 for 1 (Woolley 37, Fagg 27 not out).

CAMBRIDGE U. v. THE ARMY—At Cambridge Match abandoned.

CAMBRIDGE U.—First Innings: 169 (J. P. Blake 70). Second Innings: 79 for 1 (J. P. Blake 45 not out, J. Willatt 34 not out).

THE ARMY.—First Innings: 397 for 8 (L. T. Grove 106, J. R. Rowleance 23, R. S. Grimston 23, C. W. C. Packe 176).

GLAMORGAN v. ESSEX—At Swansea Match abandoned. GLAMORGAN.—1st Innings: 100.

### TO-DAY'S MATCHES

Lord's:—England v. The Rest (Test Trial). Oval:—Surrey v. Warwick. Bristol:—Gloucester v. Australians. Southend:—Essex v. Worcester. Folkestone:—Kent v. Somerset. Preston:—Lancashire v. Sussex. Huddersfield:—York v. Hampshire. Oxford:—Oxford University v. Middlesex.

### HOW THEY STAND

Team	P.	W.	L.	D.	1st Inn. Lead		Pts.	Aver.
					In Match	In Match		
Lancs.	7	6	1	0	0	0	72	10.28
Middlesex	5	4	1	0	0	0	48	9.60
Glamorgan	2	1	0	1	0	1	16	8.00
Leicester	2	1	0	1	0	1	16	8.00
Yorks	4	2	0	2	0	1	28	7.00
Derby	6	3	3	0	0	0	36	6.00
Gloucester	6	2	2	2	0	2	34	5.68
Surrey	5	2	1	2	0	1	28	5.60
Kent	3	1	1	1	0	1	16	5.33
Somerset	6	2	3	1	0	1	28	4.66
Sussex	6	2	1	3	0	1	28	4.66
Nottingham	3	1	2	0	0	0	12	4.00
Worcester	7	2	3	2	1	0	28	4.00
Hants	6	1	4	1	1	0	16	2.66
Warwick	5	1	2	2	0	0	12	2.40
Essex	4	0	4	0	1	0	4	1.00
Northants	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	—

\*Includes two points for the on first innings in match lost.