

Dog chat: Injury blow for Fahy's fancied 'Dylan'

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Tyrur Dylan, one of the leading fancies for the College Causeway/Killahan Phanter Easter Cup, won't be taking his place in Saturday's semi-finals at Shelbourne Park because of injury.

The dog has been mighty impressive in recent outings and was clearly improving at a rapid rate. Owner PJ Fahy was very disappointed yesterday when confirming that the son of Crash will be on the sidelines for up to two months.

"Dylan faded on the run-in on Saturday night and I knew there was something wrong," said Fahy. "Then on Sunday morning he wasn't able to come off the bench and a visit to the vet today confirmed the worst. He has damaged a monkey muscle and also shoulder ligaments and the vet said that he will be out of action for eight to 10 weeks."

Dylan was due to run from trap six in the first semi-final and this will now be a five-dog race. The favourite for this contest is likely to be Shaneboy Lee, though he has yet to capture the form that carried him to last year's Derby final.

The clear favourite for the stake is Thurlesbeg Joker but he hasn't been so lucky with the trap draw this time as he will occupy trap four with Tyrur Brennan and Toomaline Jack on his outer.

Hotter

It is definitely the hotter of the two semis, as the line-up is completed by Droopys Noel, Oran Legend and Faypoint Man.

The Red Mills Produce Stakes moves on to the second-round stage on Sunday. Original top fancy **Colorful Champ** has been handed a tough enough draw in Heat 3, where he is opposed by one of the fastest first-round winners, Pablo Supreme. This pair should dominate this contest.

Fastest of Sunday's heat-winners was Regardlesschance and Pat Curtin's dog has been drawn to run in Heat 2 where Slick Boy and Soldier Laddie are among his rivals.

It is very early days yet in the Produce Stakes and the pecking order will change a few times.

Meanwhile, the second round of the Scottish Derby will be run at Shawfield tonight and Pat Buckley has two survivors in Newlawn Class and Beaming Dilemma. Both will improve from their first-round efforts and it would be no surprise if both hit the jackpot this evening.

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