

**Back Stretch**

Scottish Victor, in new world's record time for the mile and three-sixteenths of 2.22%. He has a full length on Katie Key, driven by Clint Hodgins. Third is Tag Me; 4th, Royal Pastime; 5th, Jamie; 6th, Pronto Don; 7th, Darn Safe; 8th, Kimberly Kid; 9th, Olmsted; 10th, Sharp Note; 11th, Back Hand; 12th, Harlan. The 5-year-old winner is by Scotland 1.59% and his dam is Victory Mite and as our readers are well aware, his owner is Sol Camp of Shafter, Calif. The story of the race gives Joe great credit for the way he handled Scottish Victor, that was very much overlooked by the betting fraternity. The purse was \$32,500 and that added to previous earnings gave Scottish Victor a total of \$112,336.

The world's greatest money winner is Pronto Don 1.59% with \$321,163; Proximity 1.59% has \$252,929; Lord Stewart 3, 2.02, \$213,199; Chris Spencer 2.96%, \$205,500; Demon Hanover 1.59%, \$187,344; Kimberly Kid 4, 1.59, \$155,753; Newport Dream 2.01%, \$154,971; Florican 1.57%, \$152,000; Star's Pride 1.57%, \$127,689; Lusty Song 2.02, \$124,941; Bangaway 2.03, \$124,637; Stenographer 1.59%, \$122,962; Mainliner 2.02%, \$114,229; Scotch Rhythm 2.01, \$114,039.

The next big sale takes place at Tattersalls, Lexington, Ky., November 22 and 23. There are commitments from Poplar Hill Farm, E. J. Baker, Castleton Farm, Walnut Hill Farm, Frost Hill Farm, various smaller breeders and race horse owners. E. J. Baker, the man who owned the greatest pacer in the world some years ago, Winnipeg 1.57%—and is still the owner of the fastest trotter that ever lived, Greyhound 1.55%, consigns eight, one of them is Golden Ensign 3, 2.05 and another Jet Express 2, 2.06%.

The final big sale of fast record horses and colts takes place at Delaware, Ohio, November 30, December 1 and 2. It is the 7th annual fall speed sale there and from it have come some good performers that have raced in the Maritimes. There are a lot of fast record pacers catalogued. One of the classiest is Denny's Counsel 2.01%, eligible to the 2.19 pace. In 20 starts he has been 10 times first, twice second and three times fourth. The sire is King's Counsel 1.58 and his dam is Ankawin 3, 2.11, dam of Black Haven 2, 2.06. Her pedigree is learning with speed. There are dozens of others with records much better than 2.10, but trotters seem scarce in the lineup. That appears to be the story at all the auctions and good trotters command a lot of money.

The recently arrived horses from Harrisburg are creating a lot of interest and are being inspected daily by many horse lovers who have been much impressed by their appearance. Archie Llewellyn, well-known trainer and reinsman, was the driver of the truck that went to Harrisburg and brought the four home from there. We consider it was quite a feat for Archie to take that big truck through the enormous amount of traffic he

would encounter and bring the horses safely back to Charlotte-town, but he just shrugged it off saying, "We had a few little things to bother us such as a bit of repairs and got on the wrong road for a short piece of the way, but otherwise we had no difficulty." They stopped off at Yonkers and saw a night's racing there which was attended by 25,000 people and over \$1,000,000 passed through the parimutuels.

The Harrisburg sale was an eye-opener. Horsemen were there from all parts of the United States and many parts of Canada. There were some bargains, such as the 3-year-old pacer Dazzle Mite 2.03 from the Sol Camp stable, that was given its mark by Joe O'Brien. Mr. Camp expected this horse to sell in the vicinity of \$6,000 or more but it was early in the morning and there were few bidders and a Montreal horseman bought him for something over \$2,000. The buyer said afterwards he was prepared to go to \$4,000 as that was the horse he wanted.

We asked Archie if he had found out anything about Sir Joseph from his former trainer and driver, Frank Ervin and he said, "Yes, Mr. Ervin said he is a terrific fast horse but he has some peculiarities and some off days but he can really step." We had the pleasure of looking Sir Joseph over and he seems a nice kind horse, perfectly sound and we believe in this country he will be a real success. The yearling stallion Brookline is extremely well-bred, splendidly proportioned and is as large as most 3-year-olds here. Another purchase made by Roy Bevan in addition to the above that we did not know of last week is The Genesee, a 2-year-old bay trotting colt by Rodney 1.57%, dam, Larkspur Hal by Hal Dale 2.02%. He is her first foal. He is a splendidly built youngster with the best of legs and feet and was up to a mile in 2:20 for trainer Stanley Dancer. Then training was discontinued as only the tops of the stable were to be raced. The fourth horse brought home by Archie was Impact, 7-year-old bay stallion by Chief Counsel 3, 1.57%, dam, Hollywood Donna 2.05, dam of Prince Donna 2.03 and others. He is a handsome, sound-looking pacer and was well spoken of up there. His owner is Mrs. Mustacalis and he was purchased for her by Len O'Meara, who at last reports was scouting for another horse for the same party.

A letter just came in bearing the familiar writing of our friend, Cecil McGinley of Houlton, Maine, and we are glad to learn that he is out of hospital and well on the way to recovery. He enclosed some clippings of races in Maine dated Nov. 10 to 13 and we notice in one of them that the 14-year-old Doctor Brodie, that years ago was one of the fastest pacers in Maine, was a winner. The time in all events was slow, no doubt due to the cold weather and heavy tracks. There were no Maritime horses among the starters there.

More news has come through but it will be some time before we get the full results of the Harrisburg sale. As expected, the get of Adios 1.57% commanded big prices and

one of them, Discovery, was bought by Joe O'Brien for \$25,000 for the Sol Camp stable. Another one, Spring Special, was bought by Wendell Wathen, Fort Fairfield, Me., at \$11,500. C. E. Armstrong of Brampton, Ont., whose Helicopter was the winner of the 1953 Hambletonian Stake, bought four Adios fillies—Meadow Orohard at \$5,700, Meadow Vance at \$13,000, Meadow Jewell at \$5,500 and Meadow Dream at \$3,200. This was one of the most unusual transactions of the sale.

The sales market kept going at a lively pace for the five days and the thousand horses sold for better than \$1,000,000. Most of them were shipped to their new homes but many of the colts were sent to training quarters in the south to be gotten ready for the futurities. The highest priced colt from Adios was Meadow Sam, a bay colt out of Betty G. 2.13% and Hugh Grant of Bradford, Pa., paid \$28,000 for him. He is a full brother to Meadow Addy 2.02%, winner of the Two Year Old Castleton Filly Stake this season.

A feature of the sale was the dispersal of the horses of L. W. Craig of Los Angeles Cimarron ranch. They have been trained and driven by Dana Cameron, Harvard, Mass. The eight consigned brought a grand total of \$80,000, an average of \$10,000—certainly a great showing. Dana Cameron, a much liked driver, is opening up a public stable at North Carolina. Another trainer that is opening up a public stable is Jimmie Jordan, who was with Del Miller last year and drove many of his horses at Roosevelt and Yonkers. Delvin is cutting down his stable.

We had the pleasure of a visit from Frank MacAuluff, well known trainer and driver of Alberton, who will remain at home until the first of the year. Last season he was trainer and driver for Hillview Farm, Woodstock, N. B. and had

such good performers as Mighty Bold 2.08% that set up a new track record at Moncton, Sept. 18, and has since been sold to Lloyd MacAulay of Sydney; Banks Bell 2.13%, that appears to be the fastest Maritime bred 3-year-old of the season, Bill's Bell, a 4-year-old with a record of 2:17 and LeBasi 2.30%, a 3-year-old pacer that showed up particularly well at the end of the season. Noble Remon of Moncton is now the owner of Newport Dream 2.01% and also had out the great pacer Newport Ace 2.02%, picked an Adios colt for the 1955 stakes, paying \$7,500 for Saint Adios.

A big addition to Sydney Raceway arrived in the steel city on Thursday—ten horses purchased at the recent Harrisburg sale and valued at over \$7,000. They travelled in style in a huge, 10-wheeled deisel driven horse pullman service van. Joe MacDonald, Sydney Mines horseman, was with them and they stopped for a breather at Moncton and left off there Don Trux 2.10%, 4-year-old pacer that will be raced under the Bellevue colors next Spring. Joe represented the buyer, Lloyd MacAulay, and he believes that the horses in the shipment show plenty of promise and their records will back them up. The ten included the trotter Judge Morris 2.09%, Mr. Ribbie 2.10%, Jimmie Counsel p. 2.04%, Black Majesty p. 2.05%, Bonnyville p. 2.08, Lucky Logan, Saunders Hanover p. 2.08%, Lynch Chief 3, 2.18 and Farsud 3, 2.07%, also Jet Master p. 3, 2.08%, for P. J. Cadejan, Glace Bay. The above with the ten horses previously purchased at Richelieu Raceway and some others that have been purchased locally, will make a total of 21 new trotters and pacers that will prove a great drawing card for Sydney Sports Center's night racing next season.

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