



# DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

We acknowledge with thanks a tentative racing program for 1937 from W. R. Crevdson, Secretary, Manager Frederick Exhibition, Ltd. The season's schedule is — June 17 - 20-24 - 27; July 1-4-8-11-15-22-25-29; August 1-5-9-12-15-19-22-26-29 - 28 29; September - 5, wany extension of this program will gust 8, Walter Dale Memorial Race Purse \$3000.00; September, Junior Free-For-All, Purse \$1,000.00; September 5, Free-For-All, Purse \$2,000.00. Other special events will be announced. Four classes will be raced each night with purses as follows Monday or alternate night, \$300. - \$350. - \$400. - \$500. Thursday or alternate night, \$300 \$3.50. - \$400. - \$600.

The annual winter meeting of the Board of Directors of The U.S. Trotting Association, parent body of the harness racing sport, will be held in Orlando, Fla. March 3-4. It is announced by USTA president Lawrence B. Sheppers. Members of the 41-man USTA board represent more than 12,000 Trotting Association members in 10 geographical districts in this country and one in Canada. Special sessions will precede the regular meetings with a budget hearing set for March 3 and a meeting of the USTA's newly organized Owner's Committee scheduled for the same day. Two new board members will be seated at the meeting. Elected to office during district meetings in January, they are T. Brinton Holloway of Harrington, Del. and Dale Fetrow of Carlisle, Pa.

Secretary James Ferguson has announced that the Cape Breton Turf Club will again operate racing at Sydney Sports Centre this summer. This announcement was made at the annual horsemen's banquet which was held in Sydney recently. Secretary Ferguson also announced a new membership plan that will be put into force and hold the meetings of improvements that would be made in the Centre before the season opens. Other improvements will be the supplying of a heating system and washrooms to the grand stand. This will mean that those who patronize the mutuels or the canteen can do so comfortably no matter what the weather is like. Secretary Ferguson's report of the season's racing was received very enthusiastically by the horsemen present at the banquet which was staged by members of the Horsemen's Club and over 300 attended.

And now we hear from Cecil H. McGinley of Houlton, Maine some news that will be very interesting to Power Bros., who bred June Morning and George MacDonald, Mermaid, who sold her to J.H. DeWitt of Woodstock, who later sold her to Simonson Bros., Bridgewater, Maine. "I wish to tell you how much I enjoyed your review of the season's racing in the Guardian and I appreciate what a tremendous task it is to assemble all the statistics. I was in Woodstock one day last week and called at the DeWitt place of business and found that Henry had not returned from a trip to Scotland, England and Switzerland where he went with the Flying Cutlers. In Aristocrat County we had a lot of sub-zero days around the first of the year but recently the weather has been pleasant.

"There is the usual number of horses wintering at our local track. Alvin 'Red' Brewer has about half a dozen including Mr. McGee 2:07, that was bred by W.D. Profit, Kensington. He also has a new trotter, Master Key 2:09 4-5, owned by George Barrett of Robinson, Maine. Walter Davis of Houlton has five in charge of Ace Harvey, who recently purchased the pacer Swift Rip 2:07 1-5 that took his record last year and looks like a classy horse. Simonson Bros., of Bridgewater, have three foals in charge of Roy Sibley. The old one, Tab Direct 2:06 4-5, earned \$6,772 last year and the one by Tar Heel 1:57, named Tar Direct, took a record of 2:12 4-5 last summer as a 2-year-old. June has yearling at Hanover Farms by Tar Heel and she is due to foal in the Spring to that horse. This season she will be booked to Knight Dream 1:59.

"Tom Harvey has Bay State Ellen 2:13 4-5, and three by Bell Boy, aged two, three and four all out of record mares, and my brood mare Sudden Mary 2:11 1-5. He is breaking in my 2-year-old by N.D. Hal, Marilyn Hal. Bob Ryan who had good success last season with Poplar Veep 2:05 2-5, that earned \$7,210, and Jolity Girl 2:07 1-5, that earned \$3,782, is wintering nine head at Middleboro, Mass., where he will be able to get them ready for early Spring racing at Roosevelt. Harold Birmingham sold Bob Lee Boy, a 2-year-old by Bell Boy, dam Shirley By 2:14, to Jud DeWitt of Houlton, who raced the winning mare Bay State Ellen last summer. He also sold the young horse Harold B. Jr. 2:13 to a man in Nova Scotia, taking in part payment of the Volomite stallion Mig Boy 2:02 3-5. Mr. Birmingham has about twenty brood mares and I understand he plans to breed the Bell Boy fillies to Mighty Boy." Our friend Cecil ends with a desire to spend the next month or so in Florida. Last year he motored there with Henry DeWitt and will probably do so again.

Friends of Ingham Palmer will be glad to note that his Maritime Harness Racing news is appearing in The Horseman and The World which is published in Lexington, Kentucky. Such publicity is good for Maritime horsemen and we are confident that his column will be a popular one. This is an extract from it: This year has been different one for the Truro Race way, for not only the only race in North America where harness racing is conducted the year around when the Truro Raceway Limited stepped the curtain on 1937. The horsemen's club still didn't have their fill of racing. They went

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