

Back Stretch

trustworthy and this will take a lot of strain off him in the training and driving of such a large number of horses.

Joe ended at the Santa Anita meet with top driving honors, interesting to us here is the fact that he drove Walter Found's Patrick Primrose in the Golden Bear Free For All Pace, purse \$5,000, and headed a fast field in 2:04 2/5. He also drove the 3-year-old W. S. Primrose in the next race, winning with him in 2:05 2/5. Other winners were the Claiming Race, purse \$1,500, with Ceasar in 2:08 1/5; the AA Pace, purse \$3,100, with the 3-year-old Knight Abbe in 2:04 4/5; the C. Trot, purse \$1,500 with Lord Marian C. in 2:06 4/5; the Claiming Trot, purse \$1,600 with Pat Lee 2:08 1/5; the B. Trot, purse \$1,850 with Sister Tass in 2:05 4/5; the B. Pace, purse \$1,850 with Red Gift in 2:04 3/5. On several days he had double wins and his total for the meeting was 15 in 24 starts.

One of the most interesting finishes of the meeting was in the 18 Pace, purse \$4,500, when Hank W. Challenged Ina's Watson, driven by Valles Key at the three-quarter pole and they paced neck and neck to the finish with Ina's Watson getting the nod. The time was 2:04 4/5, the last quarter in the amazing time of 28 seconds. We can imagine we see Joe teaming Hank that last quarter. Every muscle in his body would be working and it would be a tremendously excited crowd witnessing the finish.

Several of Joe's mounts were "catch" drives and with one of them he got in an accident. As the gate was released a mare named Dear Hal, making her third start, apparently over-stepped and tripped in her hopples, turning a complete somersault and catching the wheel of Rosetta Primrose, which was trailing. Both O'Brien and Hansen were thrown to the ground but suffered no injuries.

Saratoga Raceway news released this week states that Scott Frost, first Standardbred in history to race a mile in 2:00 and winter favorite for the Hambletonian Stake, heads the nominations list of 16 for the \$10,000 Runnymede Trot at Saratoga Raceway, July 20. This great colt from the S. A. Camp stables of Shafter, Cal. is one of the 14 Hambletonian eligibles named in the Saratoga Grand Circuit event. He registered his record mile in his final start as a 2-year-old last fall when he won the second heat of a race at Lexington, Ky. in 2:00 flat, the fastest clocking ever achieved by a 2-year-old trotter or pacer in a race. With his trip in even time Scott Frost wound up the season with nine wins, his last eight in a row, and earnings of \$38,733. Other prominent Hambletonian candidates entered in the Runnymede include Galaphone, owned by W. T. Maybury of Dexter, Me. He was the horse that made Scott Frost's two-minute mile possible, having set the pace for the first three-quarters. Then there is Child's Hanover, the property of K. D. Owen of Houston, Texas, and Butch Hanover, stablemate of Scott Frost.

A remarkable recovery from what appeared to be an extremely serious accident was shown when Buck Minnear, 48-year-old Ohio reinsman, won a 30-class race with Worthy Mite at Santa Anita last week. His chances were considered so bad that the

mutuels paid \$159.00 for \$2.00. Buck's injury came last fall at Hollywood Park, Cal. when he suffered a broken back and was figured to be a hopeless cripple, but good surgical attention and an apparatus which supports his back has made it possible for him to return to his favorite employment.

Guy Day 2:04 1/4, one of the stallions at Walnut Hall Farm, died recently. He raced as a 2-year-old and 3-year-old and was one of the top colt trotters of 1928-30. He was purchased as a yearling by Walter Cox and at the conclusion of his 2-year-old form when he took a mark of 2:07, he was sold for \$25,000. After his racing was over as a 3-year-old, Walnut Hall Farm bought him back and he was retired to their stallion roster. His success as a sire was overshadowed by his companion studs at the farm, Colomite 2:02 1/4, Protector 1:59 1/4, Scotland 1:59 1/2 and others, but he is credited with thirty in the 2:05 list. His fastest performer is Cannon Ball 2:02. He is also the sire of Fast Train 2:05 that was one of the contestants in a sensational race that took place at Covehead, Sept. 15, 1948. In the Free For All Trot, Fast Train, driven by Fergie Baxter, won the first heat in 2:09 4/5, which is still the track trotting record. Nell Kalmuck, driven by Willard Kelly, a very close second. Then Nel went on to win the next two heats and race in 2:14 2/5, 2:14 1/5. The final was a desperate sprint between the two to the wire and very close.

Dr. Temple Hooper will remember the 2:25 Trot and Pace that was won by the 3-year-old filly Rosalie Hooper by Calumet Budlong, in three straight, Lela Budlong 3-6-2, Romeo 8-2-9, Mary's Delight 2-4-dnf., eight other starters including Babe Britton, that was 10-11-8 and at that time did not give indication of her wonderful speed performances of later years. Rosalie was owned and driven by Lt. Col. J. P. Hooper. Time, 2:17 4/5, 2:16, 2:16. In another classified pace Buster C., owned by Dr. J. A. Donahoe, Truro, and driven by Lloyd O'Brien, was 1-3-1, Just Flicka, owned and driven by Harold P. Cudmore, Brackley, was 3-1-4, Ola Budlong 2-2-2, seven other starters. Time, 2:14, 2:14 3/5, 2:14 1/5. Ola Budlong was sold then shortly afterwards to J. Henry DeWitt of Woodstock, N. B. and took a better than 2:10 record in Henry's hands.

Other winners at the two-day meeting were Valles Long (A. Levers) in straight heats, best time 2:17. She was owned by Jack Anear, Montague, 2:17 class. Colonel Dan, owned by Alex Stevenson and R. H. MacKinnon, Rock Hill, N. S. and driven by Joe McDonald, 1-1-1, Billy McVay (Craig) 2-3-2, Moneymaker (O'Brien) 3-2-3, two other starters. Time, 2:09 3/5, 2:11 1/5, 2:12. Colonel Dan was sold shortly afterwards to Robert Ryan of Houlton, Maine, and has been campaigning ever since. He has a record of 2:06 3/5 and last year as a 13-year-old had accumulated a total of \$36,260 and is being prepared for another season which will be his last.

The Junior Free For All was won by Gay Law, owned by W. B. Moriarty, Halifax, and driven by Angie Allen, with 1-1-4, Cyclone 4-4-1, Wilkin 3-2-2, Lee's Nightmare 2-3-3. Time, 2:15, 2:12 1/5, 2:09 2/5, and the final event on the card, a Classified Trot and Pace, was won by the trotter George Mac, owned by Benj. Newsum, Brackley, and driven by Harold Stead, with 1-1-4. Sir Francis Drake, owned by C. R.

MacDougall, Watertown, Mass. and driven by Lloyd O'Brien, 2-3-1. Best time 2:18 by Sir Francis Drake. That two afternoon's meet of September 15 and 16, 1948, with purses totalling \$3,400, goes down in our memory as one of the best and most pleasurable race meets we have ever attended on a rural track. There is no question but that Covehead was an enjoyable place for racers and owners and drivers. That it is a fast speedway is noted by the fact that the U. S. T. A. classification committee gives it a speed rating of 2.10, which is only equaled by Fredericton and Woodstock in the Maritimes. This compares with a speed rating of 2.06 for Rosevelt. And we want to finish with a bouquet, a large beautiful one, to owner-promoter Charles Willis, who built Covehead Raceway and managed it so splendidly during the years when the Prince Edward Island harness racing circuit flourished.

And here's some news we have all been looking for — Dean Gallon's first start of the season at Rosevelt Raceway Monday night. Our thanks are due to Stewart MacNeill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. MacNeill, Summerside, for the following excellent account of it. "I'm enclosed is a copy of the program for last night's card at Rosevelt Raceway. This was, I think, the first start in the big time for Earle Semple's former good trotter, Dean Gallon, and it was certainly an impressive one. Dean Gallon left very fast on the rail, but Clint Hodgins beat the field away with Bold Lass, Dean Gallon trailing him. Half way around the first turn, Spudiscola, on the outside, made a wild break. This knocked four horses off stride, including Dean Gallon. Sanders Russel settled him very quickly and set out after Bold Lass who had gone to a lead of nine or ten lengths. At the half Dean Gallon had made up the lost ground and was trotting smoothly behind the mare. At the three-quarters Dean Gallon came out quickly, disposed of Bold Lass after a brief struggle, and won going away and looking like a champion. Because of his impressive appearance and outstanding record, the bettors made him a heavy favorite. His final quarter in :30 4/5, so early in the season, seems to indicate he will be a real factor in the fast-class trots at Rosevelt this year. Times for the mile were :32, 1:05, 1:37 4/5, 2:08 3/5. Although he did not lower his record of 2:08 2/5 taken at Windsor, it is evident he will trot to a very fast mark with better weather conditions and a stiffer opposition. He seems right at home with Sanders Russell, who did his usual good job of driving. (Dean Gallon is now owned by R. J. Logue of Sydney, N. S.)

We are indebted to Bernard Peck of Sydney Mines, N. S. for a list of horses in training in his vicinity. The interest shown by owners and trainers gives promise of an extra good season for Cape Breton the coming year. This list, as Mr. Peck explains, is of horses owned on the north side of Sydney Harbor and later on he will give us the names of others being trained in Cape Breton. Heading the list at Ball's Creek is Donald Rankin's string. He was a leading driver the past season in Cape Breton and is giving daily workouts to Connally 2:10 2/5, an 8-year-old by Siskiyou, winner of over \$1,100 last season and eligible to the 2:17 class; Celia Sharon 2:15, was the winner of \$1,051 last year and is eligible to the 2:19 class. The third member of his stable is a 3-year-old colt, June Bud by Calumet Budlong 2:02 1/4. Another driver at Ball's Creek is Don

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We had the pleasure of a visit from a well informed horseman — Howard MacKay of Morell this week. Mr. MacKay has a 2-year-old pacer, Golden Worthy, by MacWorthy, grand sire, Howie Worthy dam, Jennie by Billy Aubrey, that he is getting ready for the futurities. He says she shows a lot of pace with very little work and he has high hopes that she will turn out real good. He also has a yearling by Cyclonic 2:08 1/4 that shows a lot of brush. Cyclonic was by one of the greatest 3-year-olds that ever lived — Protector 1:59 1/4 — and could show better than two-minute speed in final quarters or at various places on the track. With the right crosses for him here we may look for good trotters or pacers in the future.

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Ratchford, who has Richard Jabalee's string, which includes Handbook 2:03 2/5, eligible to the 2:10 class and a big winner last year in the upper Provinces. His total take for the season was \$3,155, Volon 2:11, 2/5, a 6-year-old pacer eligible to the 2:19 class with winnings last year of \$1,189. He has also a colt by Wilkin, dam Marguerite Rose.

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Hunter's Corner

Dingwell's Mills, Grove Pine and 'Billy Ben's' were far from productive. The dam at Dingwell's contributed less than a dozen trout... about one for every ten anglers. Reports indicate Billy Ben's was even worse. Old residents of Fortune told me that the trout went out with the ice. No salmon were in evidence. One old timer remarked: "No salmon on the opening morning means no trout." According to his experience the trout take their cue from their larger cousins—the salmon—and team up with them on their journey to salt water.

I felt sorry for the younger generation of anglers... the lads barely in their teens and others years younger. I gave a number of them a lift on their way home. They had no trout and were cold, wet, bedraggled, disappointed. The older fishermen fared little better. Six of them at Lot 40 in three boats, sat with hunched shoulders in a slanting rain, their faces getting longer with each cast if that were possible. One boat had creel five or six very modest trout... I mean in size, but the catch in the others remained at zero.

I didn't check in excess of five dozen trout and not one in the lot over 11 inches. One catch of 17 and another of 15 were reported. From what I can learn the best taken were made around daybreak. The water began to rise rapidly from then on and the temperature kept lowering as the

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Louis MacDonald is training two, Lucky Logan, a trotter by Peter Astra, and Dominion Scott, a pacing colt by Bellini Scott 2:09 1/4. W. J. Lamond has a 2-year-old pacer, Golden Worthy, by MacWorthy, grand sire, Howie Worthy dam, Jennie by Billy Aubrey, that he is getting ready for the futurities. He says she shows a lot of pace with very little work and he has high hopes that she will turn out real good. He also has a yearling by Cyclonic 2:08 1/4 that shows a lot of brush. Cyclonic was by one of the greatest 3-year-olds that ever lived — Protector 1:59 1/4 — and could show better than two-minute speed in final quarters or at various places on the track. With the right crosses for him here we may look for good trotters or pacers in the future.

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