

## DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

We are very pleased to have a letter from Dr. George C. Shop, Lexington, Kentucky, which writes as follows: "The horse world lost one of its top breeders yesterday in Harry H. Knight. I am enclosing the newspaper with the account of Knight's activities. He has had a long experience with trotters and pacers, and has also bred and raced many of the best thoroughbreds.

"During the last few years went stronger into the standardbred, and was the owner of 21 brood mares purchased during the past couple of years. He has been very busy since returned here. There seems to be no let-up in our work" following is the story of Harry Knight: "Henry Hudson Knight, one of America's foremost thoroughbred horse breeders and standardbred horse owners, and owner of Alma Farm, died at 5:45 p.m. yesterday at Central Baptist hospital. Mr. Knight, 69, was taken to hospital two weeks ago from his home, Green Hills, on Winchester Pike. He suffered a stroke last Wednesday.

**Knight's Night**  
A master salesman of horses at horse farms, he frequently changed transactions involving a million dollars. He never maintained a racing stable, but always put his yearlings on the market in private sales or at Saratoga, New York. Knight's "Night" became a fixture of the Fasig-Tipton auctions. Between 1946 and 1951, he sold more than three hundred colts and fillies at Saratoga for nearly four million dollars. His best year was 1947 when he averaged \$16,644 his yearlings.

At the time of his death, Knight owned four farms totaling almost 3,000 acres in Lexington area. These included Green Hills, where he bred, and the 2,100-acre Alma Farm. Alma Farm, part of which was a land grant to his family in 1778, is one of the best places of the Blue Grass. It was named for Mr. Knight's wife, the former Alma Horine, whom he married in 1914. In 1918, he and 1957, Mr. Knight was the country's top commercial thoroughbred breeder in money won, and leader in number of winners, with 800 for the 10-year period.

**World Champion**  
However, his first success was with standardbreds. Greyhound, the world's champion trotter, which established a record mile of 1:55 1/2 in 1932, was bred at Alma Farm. Mr. Knight had the future champion as a yearling for \$900; he also had to Hambletonian winners, Skeke Maid and Chestertown. The Master of Alma Farm also was the first breeder to have standardbreds with records 2:00 or better. Raider, Mr. Elwyn and Calumet Adam, were the first two, but never topped Calumet Adam.

After he turned to breeding thoroughbreds, he produced 26 winners, including Nail, a year-old champion of 1953. The horse Mr. Knight called "the best he ever bred". The get his stallions earned more than \$17 million.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Reinman to start their Crown Creek Farm. In 1951, Mr. Knight paid more than a million dollars for the breeding stock from the William G. Hollis Sr. estate, and later, he bought the remainder of Coldstream Farm and thirty horses in a \$2 million transaction. This lot included Heliopolis, twice America's leading sire of thoroughbreds.

"In 1956, he sold part of Coldstream Farm to the University of Kentucky for \$1,123,500. Mr. Knight began to cut down his operations in 1955, and sold 123 mares and yearlings for \$1,390,300. He continued to raise a few yearlings and to board horses for his clients. Recently he bought several standardbred mares.

"Besides his wife, he is survived by two brothers and numerous other relatives."

We have featured this account of the life of this remarkable man so that our harness horse breeders here will get some idea of the magnitude of the horse breeding industry in Kentucky. While Mr. Knight was in the last few years of his life, engaged almost entirely in the production of thoroughbreds, it must be remembered that earlier in life he made a tremendous contribution to harness horse breeding, and no doubt if he had continued to live he would be going back into that type of breeding on a large scale.

**EUROPEAN RECORD**  
A cable recently received from the "Horseman and Fair World" from Paris states that Jamin, the French trotting wonder, set a new European trotting record for the mile of 2:01.3 in the Cote d'Azur Stake over the half-mile track at Caznes-Sur-Mer, France.

Great Lullwater, 3, 2:01 3/5, the American trotter that went to France a few weeks ago finished fifth. Our readers will agree with us, we believe, in stating that Jamin is a real wonder horse, and we question if any trotter in America could trot a half-mile track in a similar time from a standing start. Jamin will be flown over to the United States next July, and will be one of the starters in the Roosevelt International Under Lights.

Harness racing under the lights made its debut at North Aurora, Illinois, on February 23, and the attendance records shattered all previous marks when 11,003 fans paid their way to see the sport. They also pushed \$258,197 through the pari-mutuels.

The temperature was around 40 degrees, and the attendance was so large that an hour before the races were scheduled to start, cars had to be stopped from entering the grounds. It was believed, that another 5,000 would have attended had there been given the opportunity. The spectators sat in perfect comfort, as the stands are glassed in and are also heated. The fastest time of the meeting was 2:21 3/5.

**TOP MONEY**  
Adios is the top money winning sire of 1952, a total of 169 of his get started, and they won \$1,439,306. He was also the leading sire of two and three-year-old performers—66 of them won \$3788,511, and the leading sire of dash winners—109 of them winning \$49 dashes.



**COMPETITION WINNERS**

This Charlottetown mixed curling team walked off with honors in the Morrison and MacRae competition held this week as part of the week-long Confederation Bonspiel of the Charlottetown Curling Club. Left to right are Mrs. Doris MacDonald, Jiggs MacDonald and Kay Johnston. Seated with the trophy is Terry Murphy.

## U.S.-Canada Game Tonight Seen Decisive For Title

**PRAGUE (CP)**—The United States pulled into a points-tie with Canada for first place in the world hockey championships Friday, defeating Czechoslovakia 4-2.

The U.S. win set up the Canada-U.S. game tonight as a key one for Canada's defending champions, who had a much-needed rest Friday after hard-fought victories over Russia Wednesday and Sweden Thursday.

Although both Canada and the U.S. have six points in the final round-robin series, Canada has a game in hand over its neighbors. The Belleville, Ont., club is undefeated in three final games, while the U.S. has three wins and one loss—a 5-1 defeat by Russia.

In the tournament's only other game Friday, Sweden won its first game in four tries, handing Finland its fourth straight loss 2-1.

**NEED TWO WINS**  
The way the tournament standings are shaping up, Canada has to win its two remaining games to clinch the title. The Canadians play Czechoslovakia, whom they defeated 7-2 in a preliminary round match, Sunday in the tournament's last game.

The U.S. has only one loss to date, but if Canada overcomes it today as expected, the field will be left open for Russia to take second place unless Finland of Sweden can work the upset of the tournament.

The United States rolled up a 3-0 lead over the Czechs about halfway through Friday night's game, then held off the closing efforts of the host team.

Weldon Olson, Richard Meredith, Rodney Paavola and Paul Johnson were the U.S. goal getters. Bohemil Prosek and Josef Golonka scored for the Czechs.

The Americans took five of the game's seven penalties. The Swedish team, shorthanded because of illness and injuries when it played Canada Thursday, had two of its four absentees back in action against the Finns.

But poor shooting and the sparkling goal tending of Finland's Esko Niemi kept the Swedes from piling up a convincing score.

United States	3	1	0	22	11	6
Russia	2	1	0	10	7	4
Czech	2	2	0	17	11	4
Sweden	1	3	0	4	17	2
Finland	0	4	0	6	26	0

**APARTMENTS BURN**  
**WINNIPEG (CP)**—Fire of unknown origin burned out more than half the interior of the 21-suite Redwood apartment block in north-end Winnipeg Monday leaving 56 people homeless. No damage estimate was available.

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**Welshmen, Trotters Play Again Today**  
Prince of Wales College Welshmen will be out to avenge defeat when they play host this afternoon to the Trotters in the second game of the best-of-five series in the Island Senior "C" Basketball League semi-finals. The tilt is slated for 3:30 at the PWG Auditorium. (Trotters went one up in the series by virtue of a 35-48 decision Thursday night, but the Welshmen are far from downhearted. They remember that the Trotters lost only four games this year, but three of them were at the hands of the Welshmen.

# Johansson Begins Training For Scrap With Patterson

**GOTEBORG, Sweden (AP)**—Ingemar Johansson, Sweden's European heavyweight champion has started preparations for his June fight with world champion Floyd Patterson in New York.

But he has not yet begun hard training—at least not measured by his own standard.

His daily training schedule includes nine rounds with the speed and heavy bags, two rounds of rope skipping and gymnastics and three rounds of sparring with his brother Rolf, a ring prospect.

"But this is a pretty easy program," the 26-year-old Swede said.

"I am not really training hard until I get through 15 to 20 sparring rounds a day plus the bag-punching and floor work."

"Before I leave Sweden for New York, I will get into the second stage but in the United States I will really start the tough program which cuts weight and gives you condition."

Johansson said he already had trimmed off some excess weight and scales around 208 pounds now.

"You can be sure I'll weigh about 200 pounds when the F-day (fight day) comes," he said.

The undefeated six-footer weighed 196 pounds when he knocked out Eddie Machen in the first round here last Sept. 14.

That victory made his record 21-0, boosted him to top contender and paved the way for the Patterson fight.

The handsome Swede does not make his living out of professional boxing alone. He is a wealthy businessman and is expanding his construction and excavating company all over Sweden. It all started with boxing. With his first ring earnings he bought a truck. Now he owns three plus several excavators.

To be able to supervise his business he plans to buy an airplane and get a pilot's license.

He is also a ship owner. Last week he bought a Dutch-built trawler—the first in the Swedish fishing fleet with a steel hull—and promoted his uncle Gunnar Karlsson to skipper.

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