

Back Stretch

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I met at Goshen half mile track I got Queen's Adios. I guess you have read a lot about him. He is a free for all pacer who raced all summer and was only once worse than fifth and won around \$30,000. He could pace a half mile track from 2:01 to 2:02 and around 1:59 on a mile track. He was about as nice a little horse as you could get. There were a couple of the top pacers that he couldn't trim but he was right at their pads all the time. Castleton Farm retired him last fall and now he is in the stud in Michigan.

"We are not going much with any of the horses yet, just aging them and brushing the colts in spots. We have 42 in training, 27 of them belonging to Castleton Farm. We groom them three times a week now but when training time arrives we will have two and when they get to the races maybe it will just be one. I have a 2-year-old and a 3-year-old by good Time 1:57 4-5.

They are O.P. Brady and chance of play; the latter to record of (2:05) 2-5 at Roosevelt last Spring and was second to Torpid in his 2:02 world's record mile. He unfortunately got sick at Goshen and we had to take him out of training. He should be a good colt the coming season as a 3-year-old and we hope to win The Little Brown Jug with him.

"A few days ago we were looking over some of our work sheets when in Florida last winter and at this time of year nearly all the 2-year-olds were working around here that they are going in here now. The reason was then that Mr. Smart was preparing to race at Roosevelt opening the latter part of April. This year he doesn't expect to start until the end of May. The only thing that holds us up here is an icy track. The horses have no call on them except two far calls on the heels of the front shoes and they wear swedge shoes behind. I will give you a partial list of the horses we have so you can follow them next summer.

Two-year-olds, Union Girl, O. P. Brady, Navy Bard, Ella Pence, Trusty Chief, So Quick, Florican Bomb, Gallo Pick, Travel Time, Dandy Byrd, Admiral Byrd, Indian Champion, Parkkota, Ronald Spen. Three-year-olds, Royal Fair, Scotch Tape, Chance Play, Warm Merry, For Sure, Blue Wing, Scottish Eagle, Robert Lee Frost, Scotch Ensign, Wing Victory, Aged Horses, Plebe 1:59 3-5, Fleet Star 2, 2:05 1-5, Philip Frost, Colburn Frost 2, 2:02 4-5, So Big 2:05, Lord Victory, Gold Worthy 2, 2:02 4-5. Well, I guess I have written enough for now. Say hello to the boys for me. Whitey". The above records were taken from the 1955 Year Book and have probably been reduced since then. Thanks, Whitey, for writing us and our best wishes for success for the stable and for yourself.

We have a letter from Rannie MacDonald, whose address is P. O. Box 728, Milton, Ont. Rannie and other horsemen are occupying a new stable which was built last fall and they are getting along very nicely. He expects to be in trim for the 1957 racing season when it opens up. Rannie was very interested in our annual review which gave him information on his many horsemen friends throughout the Maritimes. Among the some 35 Islanders who attended the International Ice meet at Lake Banook, Dartmouth, last weekend were Harold Cudmore, Bert Younker, Doug MacLeod, Charlie Willis, James MacGregor, Dave Wiseman, Don and Mrs. Seaman, Ralph and Mrs. MacFadyen, Cyril and Mrs. Smith, Elmer and Mrs. Smith, Ellwood Shaw, Len O'Meara, Clark Smith, Well MacNeill, Lorne Kelly, Roy McCallum, Jackie and Mrs. Bernard, Stanley Mayhew, Arnold Weeks and Clarence Wood. They were all delighted with the trip and the hearty welcome given them by the Dartmouth horsemen, who did everything in their power to make it a much to be remembered meeting.

The conception of such a meeting with its \$1,000 Free For All Championship Trot and \$1,000 Free For All Championship Pace and other classes was due to Fred Lahey, President of the Eastern Driving Association, who years ago was one of the owners of Jolly 2:05 1/2 and many other good ones. The weather was just what was needed for the occasion and on Saturday afternoon some 10,000 persons saw Jerry A. Hanover win the Free For All Trot in the 1st Division he was 2-1 over Michael 1-2 three other starters. Time, :32, :31 3-5. In the 2nd Division Pepper Boy was 1-1, Keller Hanover (C. Heck) 2-2, three other starters. Time, :31 3-5, :32. Heat winners race off for Championship, Jerry A. Hanover 1-1, Pepper Boy 2, Wee Michael 3, time, :32 3-5. Jerry A. Hanover is owned by Roy Bevan, Charlottetown, and was driven by James MacGregor. Pepper Boy is owned and was driven by George Turner, Dartmouth. Wee Michael is owned by George Turner, Dartmouth, and was driven by M. Turner.

The No. 1 Classified Pace was won by Black Majesty (D. Turner) with 2-1, Leo's Dream (K. Pinkney) 1-2, Cardinal's Echo (W. Baker) 3-2-6, three other starters. Time, :31 3-5, :31 4-5, :31 2-5. Winning owner, Don Turner, Wayne Budlong (H. Walsh) 1-2-1, Pepperahaker (D. Walsh) 2-1-2, Ethel M. (Daniels) 3-3-3, three other starters. Time, :32 3-5, :32, :32 3-5. Winning owner Jack Norman, Dartmouth.

Free For All Championship Pace, 1st Division, Connally (B. Jones) 2-1, Cooty Boy (Smith) 1-3, Bud Henley (G. Turner) 2, two other starters. Time, :30 2-5, :30 1-5. Winning owners, Connally, Cyril Dauphinee, Halifax, Cooty Boy, E.I. McFadyen, Hunter River, (Mangers) 1-2, Whispering Hope (C. Smith) 2-1, three other starters. Time, :31, :30 4-5. Winning owners, Super Hal, Harry Hirsch, Sydney, Whispering Hope, Arnold M. H. Ronnie, the Olympic 1:50-metre, Fredericton, P.E.I. Race, Super Hal-1, Cooty Boy 2,

Whispering Hope 3, Connally 4. Time :29 3-5. Jerry A. Hanover and Whispering Hope represented the Victoria Driving Club, Charlottetown. No. 1 Classified Pace, Dr. F. Chips (H. Walsh) 2-2-1, Hardroad Bill (J. Innor) 3-1-3, Dominator Pick (D. Pinkney) 1-3-2, two other starters. Time, :30 3-5, :31 3-5, :31 3-5. Winning owner, Peter Karas, Lower Sackville, N.S. No. 2 Classified Pace, Jack C. Chips (Daniels) 1-1, Royal Budlong J. Morash) 2-3, Dudiedale (G. Turner) 3-2, Tyndall Semple (D. MacGregor) 4-4, three other starters. Time, :32, :32. Winning owner, Don Rankin, North West Arm, C.B.

At a banquet held after the races which was largely attended the Truro Raceway trophy for the trotting champion was presented to James MacGregor for owner Roy Bevan, who is at present in Florida, and the Oland trophy for the pacing champion was presented to George Mauger for owner Harry Hirsch. Colored coolers bearing the titles were draped on the champions after the races.

No doubt the ad of J.C. Cameron of Smiths Falls, Ontario, which appeared in the Guardian for a reliable driver, has caught the attention of those who have read it in this province and elsewhere and he will get a number of replies. Mr. Cameron has one of the best stables in Canada and is the owner of the pacer Ezra Deen 1:55, who has made 25 starts in 1955, was 14 times first, 3 times second and 4 times third with earnings of \$13,400.

His all time earnings, at the end of 1955 were \$21,095. We received a calendar from Mr. Cameron which shows Ezra Deen photographed at Blue Bonnets track, Montreal, after winning the \$10,000 Free For All Pace in 2:03 3-5, which was a new record for him. There was an enormous crowd of people at that meet and it must have been a great satisfaction to Mr. Cameron to win such a large stake. He has quite a number of other trotters and pacers in his string, one of them young ones of good breeding that are likely to take fast records.

The Victoria Driving Club is staging an Inter-provincial Ice Meet to be held on the ice above the North River Causeway, on what is known as the Hon. Dugald MacKinnon Raceway, on the afternoons of March 1st and 2nd. There will be quarter mile dashes and any trotter or pacer in the Maritimes is eligible. It is expected that quite a number of horses that took part in the International Championships at Dartmouth recently will be brought over for the Free For All Trot and Free For All Pace, purses for which are \$500 each.

In addition to the above there will be six other Classified events that will bring together the best trotters and pacers in this province. It will be two afternoons that will be remembered. Credit must be given to the Victoria Driving Club officials for bringing back ice racing, which was one of the best winter sports of the long ago and the fact that they are popular is shown by the large crowds who have been attending. The winning owners of the Free For All Trot and Free For All Pace will have the honor of taking home with them the Provincial trophies.

The Victoria Driving Club received a telephone message last evening from Fred Lahey, Dartmouth, that they will send over Josedale Classman 2:07 1/2, Bud Henley 2:11 1-5 and Black Majesty 2:05 3-5 for the Free For All Pace and the trotters Pepper Boy 2:12 2-5 and Patrick Budlong 2:12 for the Free For All Trot. Andrew Perry, Summerside, has sold his good trotter, Scotland's Ace 2:09 to James "Roach" MacGregor, and his pacer Downtown 3, 2:03 3-5 to Emmett Bernard. We are glad that these horses will remain in the province as they have a large number of admirers who like to see them race.

We have received from W.G. Gillespie, Secretary-Treasurer of the Prince Edward Island Harness Racing Club, the five classes that will be raced at their 25th annual Colt Stakes this September. The classes are, Two Year Old Trot, Three Year Old Trot, Four Year Old Trot, Two Year Old Pace, Three Year Old Pace. The first payment of \$5.00 must be made March 1st, 1957. We hope Bill will have an exceptionally large entry list.

Courtney Gets Another Chance To Beat Sowell

By ED CORRIGAN
NEW YORK (AP)—Tom Courtney, the big Olympic 800-metre champion, gets another chance to prove he can beat Arnie Sowell indoors and Ireland's Ron Delany faces his stiffest mile opposition thus far in the season night in the Madison Square Garden.

Sowell has held an almost magic wand over Courtney in their indoor half-mile races. The slim Pitt athlete has lost just once to Courtney indoors—two years ago in a Washington meet.

But Courtney, an ex-Fordham runner and now a GI stationed in Boston, has been claiming he will take Sowell one of these days. Each week, he is certain the time has come, and each week Sowell hits the tape ahead of him.

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