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Back Stretch

the post, with Scott Frost, winner last week of the rich Walnut Hall Stud Stake, the heavy favorite. And, one must say, that it was probably the most unlooked for and unexpected championship performance of history. Winning the first mile of the stake in 2:04 1/2 in which he returned driver William D. Maybury of Dexter, Me., took the field to the first quarter in :29 1/2, carried them to the half in :59 1/2, and over to the three-quarters in 1:30 1/2. Here Joe O'Brien "took out" with Scott Frost, gave the youngster owned by Sol Camp of Shafter, Calif., his head, and set sail midway of the stretch it was apparent to the veterans with their watches that Scott Frost was approaching the sensational, and at the finish the electrical timing clock displayed two-minutes flat, and a roar of applause went up from all those on the sidelines, with the colt's trainer, driver and owner all receiving a tremendous ovation as they came back to enter the winner's circle.

"Trotting has seen many great performances down through all these years, but they now must all take a back seat to the mile by the colt Scott Frost. It was just a year ago here at the annual yearling sales, that the youngster was led into the sales ring, an unbroken colt, one of the consignments of Roy Amos of Edinburgh, Ind., representing his Frost Hill Farms. He went to the bid of Sol Camp at \$800, which now makes him one of the greatest bargain bargains the sport has ever produced. He was winter-trained at Del Mar, Calif., the thoroughbred mile track by the sea, and his early midsummer training was over the three-quarter mile oval at Vernon Downs in Central New York. Sent to the races he started winning with his first start, and today record stands as winner of 9 of his 16 starts, second in four and third in one, with winnings of approximately \$34,000.

"Without the part that New England played in the dramatic mile of Tuesday, there would be no two-minute trotting champion right now. It was all made possible by the use of Galophone, the son of Bill Gallon 1:50 1/2 and Caraphone by Phonograph 1:59 1/2, from the Maybury stables of Dexter, Me. A winner himself in 2:03 1/2 in mid-season, at Goshen, N.Y., he made a perfect setting for the record mile by cutting out such a tremendous early pace, that first half in :59 1/2 doing the trick.

"But the greatest single part of the performance as we view it, was that the two-minute mile came after an opening race mile in 2:04 1/2 with a final quarter in :28 1/2. The final quarter of the record mile by Scott Frost was trotted in :29 1/2, showing the tremendous heart that the youngster from California possesses. Trainer-driver Joe O'Brien, who deserves all the credit for Scott Frost, is the youngster who came out of Alberton, Prince Edward Island, and got his first taste of big league driving in New England, at Foxboro's popular Bay State Raceway, where the fans still recall his driving feats of just a few seasons ago.

"Ranking right behind the victory of Scott Frost was that of the handsome aged pacing stallion Red Sails. Only a freak incident in the racing of the free-for-all pace prevented Red Sails from becoming the fastest racing pacer of all time. At the head of the stretch driven Gene Sears dropped his whip, yet the stallion came on to win his race in 1:58 flat, to become the third fastest race winner among all the pacers. Only Good Time and Simpson Hanover, both of whom raced in 1:57 1/2, ever turned in a faster race."

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The noted brood mare Charlotte B. 2, 2:09 1/2, by the former world's champion pacer Cold Cash 1:58 1/2, dam, Ann Proctor 3, 2:08 by Captain S. 2:05 1/2, second dam The Baroness by Belwin 2:06 1/2, is offered for sale as will be noted by an ad elsewhere in this paper. She was bred by Harry Hawkins at Springfield, Ill., and was owned for quite a number of years by J. P. Sigsworth, Cardigan. She has several foals registered, including Robert Lea, foaled in 1950. He is by Pagliacci 2:09 1/2, and he won the first heat in the Four Year Old Futurity at Summerside, Aug. 26 in 2:19 1/2. She is now in foal to Argot Pointer 2:07 and it has great possibilities. This youngster will be a full brother or sister to the much admired Suspense, that was 2-2 in the Two Year Old Futurity in Summerside. Time, 2:20 1-5, 2:19 1-5.

At Saratoga Raceway the 4-year-old trotter Watchmiller's Lassie was a winner in 1:23 and at Rochester, N.H., Frank Adams by Watchmiller, won the C Trot, time 2:14. Watchmiller's Julie was second in the C Trot and Watchmiller's Angel, a 5-year-old, won the \$1,000 2:17 Trot, time 2:13 1-5, 2:15 1-5. The CC Trot, purse \$600, was won by Playaway by Playdate, time, 2:12, 2:13. Mr. McGee by Abner T. Clegg, was 4-1 in the Junior Free For All Trot and Pace, time 2:09 1/2.

as well because of teething troubles and it is just possible — and we hope it will prove to be — that New Forest will be one of the top colts next season. A good deal of credit is due to his driver, Blair Andrew, New Glasgow, for his continued success.

The 4th dash was won by Millie's Son, whose dam was the famous Millie Kalmuck 2:08 1/2. He is owned and driven by Tom Eiter, Moncton; time, 2:19 1/2. The 2nd and 6th dashes were split up Twinkle Dawn, owned and driven by Walter Akerley, was 1-2, Spencer Key (Queen), owned by Roger Barry, St. John, 6-1; time, 2:19 1/2, 2:19 1/2. In the 3rd and 7th dashes Doc Banks D. (Bahop), owned by Mrs. C. N. Joyce, St. John, was 1-7, Little Scout, owned and driven by D. M. Lawson, St. John, 7-1, Tonamite (Goguen) 2-6, Lady Smart (MacArthur) 3-2. Time, 2:19 1/2, 2:19 1/2. In the 3rd dash Doc Banks D. had just a little bit more nose at the wire than Tonamite, and the other horses finished very close. In the 5th and 8th dashes Thelma Lou, owned and driven by M. Downey, St. John, was 1-6, Morris Direct (Wood), owned by Lloyd McKinney, Gagetown, 7-1, Ramona Chips (M. Lawson) 2-3, Princess Tina (Langille, Sr.) 4-2. Time, 2:16 1/2, 2:15.

At Truro last Saturday night races 1 and 4 were won by Myone, owned and driven by Ivan O'Brien, Elmsdale, P.E.I., best time 2:20 1/2 — a new record for Myone. Island Star (Conroy) was 2-2. In races 2 and 6 Twilight Melody (D. Pinkney), owned by R. D. Bennett, Weymouth, was 1-3, Peggy's Pride (Mauger), owned by G. Gessner, Truro, 2-1. Time, 2:18 1/2, 2:22 1/2. Races 3 and 7 — Lucky Harvester (Mauger), owned by D. M. MacAulay, Pugwash, was 1-2, Miss Cherry Valley (MacLeod), owned by E. MacMillan, Truro, 3-1. Time, 2:17, 2:17. In races 5 and 8 Daniel Hal Scott, owned and driven by Herb Wisener, Pictou, was 1-2, Abner the Great (Whalen), owned by J. Heffell, Summerside, 5-1. Time, 2:15 1/2, 2:13.

Thanksgiving Day race card at Truro uncovered a number of startling surprises. There was great interest taken in this meet principally because of the two-mile trot which has been featured there for the past three years. There was also a good free for all and other classes that brought some splendid finishes. The first surprise was in Race 1 when the old war horse Carl Frisco 2:02 1/2, owned by D. S. McKay, Patanaquouche, and driven by D. Pinkney, headed Billy P. C. Parker (Daniels) and five others to the wire in 2:17 1/2. Then came the two-mile trot event with seven starters. They included the best performers in Nova Scotia, and Miss Palli and Bud's Echo from P.E.I. Most of the experts fastened their hopes on Pepper Boy, that had been trotting around 2:14. Others fancied Bud's Echo, who has been a consistent winner at Charlottetown, and still others believed in Mac Flino, winner of last year's two-mile trot, and then not to be overlooked was Lusty's Queen. However, it was the very much unlooked for Peaceful Peter, owned and driven by J. E. Washington of Truro, that came first to the wire, with that good trotter Patrick Budlong, owned and driven by George Turner 2, Lusty's Queen (Ripley) 3, Millie's Son 4, Pepper Boy 5, Miss Palli 6, Bud's Echo 7. Time, 2:24. The Maritime record for the two-mile trot is held by Pet Hanover, made at Truro, Oct. 4, 1952. Time, 2:24 1/2. She was owned by H. R. Bevan, Charlottetown, and driven by James MacGregor.

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Hunters' Corner

ing up positions. Approximately one thousand dropped into the Moore sanctuary at Milltown Cross. Their landing splashes could be heard long before it was bright enough to see them in the air.

Goose hunters had their innings on opening morning. I estimate there were more geese shot on Saturday and Monday than during the entire season last year. I never saw so many geese on the move as there were up till noon on Saturday. I saw four or five flocks, at least two just beyond range of sevens and a half, and heard as many more moving up some shallow valley out of eye sight. As usual hunters have different opinions regarding the fatness of geese shot to date. They range from thin to medium fat. The consensus of opinion regarding blacks is that they are large and in splendid condition. There were lots of ducks this season. It was not because of any scarcity that some hunters came home empty handed or practically so—the birds didn't hang around all day asking to be shot. They had been primed up weeks before the season and knew where the "better" ones were" to quote Bruce Bairnsfather of the First Great War fame.

Hungarian partridge are plentiful. Considerably better than last season in this scries opinion. I have found the coverts large, averaging 18, or higher, per covert. Coverts from 20 to 26 are not uncommon. On Monday (Thanksgiving) I relaxed from the arduous pre-season patrol activity and took things relatively easy. I checked the odd game bag, pump gun, license, etc., but this could be considered more or less as a side-line. The Thanksgiving holiday comes only once a year and my son and I made up a twosome. It was good to ramble across scrubby stubble and through alder swales and watch Sambo and Timmy do their stuff.

There was no rush to try for a limit or anything like that. We were easy on ourselves and let the dogs benefit also. Hunting dogs have to work in condition just like prize fighters. It was good on occasion to park the car facing an expanse of sun dimpled blue water and relax to leisurely sip a bottle of pop and let the dogs stretch out for a nap in a sunny spot. Old Sambo has a lot of years behind him and his muzzle is greying, but the old thinking cap works overtime. He has the Huns and pheasants figured out pretty well and believes in letting his head save his legs. He's a wise old codger and looks me over with a jaundiced eye when I start giving orders. He acknowledges just one master and when he favours me with a wail-eyed look out of the corner of his eye it means: "Take a jump in the lake chum!"

Nearing 5 o'clock we had 14 huns two short of our limit, and 3 pheasants—two beautiful cock birds a year old bird and two year old with needle sharp spurs and a deary behind adult hen. We debated whether or not we'd try for our limit on Huns and finally decided to head homeward. A few miles along the way and a likely looking set-up prompted another try. "Go ahead" I said to my partner. "I'll sit in the car and watch."

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A kind friend has given us the score card of last Saturday night's racing at Quebec City track. In race 1, C Pace, Abbott Maplecroft, driven by Al Langille, was 1, the 12-year-old Scott Spencer 2:06, that raced for several years in the Maritimes, was 2, Reed's Cardinal (Haley), owned by E. Smith, Sydney, 4. Time, 2:13. In races 3 and 7 A. G. Scott, 2:09 1/2, owned and driven by L. Letcher, Springhill, N.S., was 4-7, time, 2:14, 2:12 1/2. In

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Health Minister Martin outlined the Canadian proposal which calls for the five atomic powers to meet once more in private to iron out differences on a world disarmament treaty.

Russia asked for time to study the Canadian resolution. Soviet delegate Andrei Vishinskiy said his country in principle could not react otherwise than favorably to an invitation to co-sponsor the resolution but a concrete reply would require more time for study.

I changed my mind in a hurry. No sooner were the dogs out of the car when a big covey rose close beside the road, skimmed over a potato patch and alighted at the edge of a stubble field. At the flush we each picked a bird and watched the remainder of the coveys come down a few hundred yards away. They'll keep for another day. It was a pleasurable day and I was rather pleased with my shooting. I made my first double on pheasants, had two doubles on Huns and pateted myself on the back a few times for my work on singles.

My partner had a rather thoughtful expression on his face as the car purred homeward. I didn't interrupt his train of thought but I figured it out, though. "I guess Pop is like Sambo—not through yet by a long shot" I've had the Southport farmer feeling the same way — when a doll's sweater would fit and not too snug at that. Speaking of father and son teams on the opening morning brings to mind Allison Owen, Charlotte-town business man and his 11-year-old son John. The youngster bagged 6 big blacks, unassisted. For his age he is pretty sharp with a scatter gun—better than many who have been at the game all their lives. As Alex Weatherble used to say: "I can take 'em flying, setting or on the wing". That, I believe, will be John's motto. Come to think of it, I'll have one about John's age to break in next year if I'm spared. I was 11 when I shot my first duck. It's a good feeling to have someone left behind to carry on the old tradition.

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