

Backstretch

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Secretary has to reject nearly 1,000 of them, since only 900 can be accommodated.
The 1955 season at Roosevelt starts on April 1.

WAVE
Despite the cold weather in Florida, which is described as a "break-through" cold wave by the "Playgy" Friedman, the winners continue working, their pacers and pacers with the two-year-olds making steady progress.
The season's mark was set on February 14, for trotters, by the two-year-old Lancaster Hanover, who made a mile in 2:28.25 and a quarter in 36.25. The best pacer in the state is a two-year-old, so the mark by a two-year-old, so far, has been credited to Importer, who made a mile in 2:29.15 and a quarter in 36.15. Both are in the Simpson stable.

YEAR OLDS
From Shafter, California, the latest news from the Camp stable, which is trained by Joe O'Brien, shows the two-year-old Meadow making a mile in 2:43, with the last eighth in 17.25. Nine other two-year-olds have paced between 2:45 and 2:55.

Two-year-old trotters have been working between 2:42 and 2:50. Nothing is mentioned about Joe's faster-class pacers and trotters, but we understand they are being prepared and will race at the March meeting at Anita.

The Columbia Broadcasting System will telecast the feature race "live" from Santa Anita, California, on each Saturday of the Western Harness Racing Association meeting, which opens March 14. It will be carried over KTLA, Los Angeles, from 4.30 to 4.45 p.m., and it would be greatly appreciated by Maritime racing fans if some hook-up could be arranged to have the race shown on a local TV channel.

HORSES
We were wondering how to get news of the Delaware, Ohio, which started on Tuesday and finished on Wednesday. We knew Roy Bevan and James MacGregor were there, and that possibly some horses would be brought and brought home here. Imagine our surprise and delight when our friend Wendall Barbour dropped into the office and handed us the sales numbers of the horses our Island friends had purchased. These were sent to him by Roy Bevan, whom we also wish to thank.

The purchases are as follows: Miss Wilma Dale, p. 3, 2.09, by Daisy Dale, p. 2.05, dam Lass E. by Wilmington, p. 1.59. The yearbook shows Miss Wilma Dale making 28 starts last year, and she was 6 times first, 8 times second, and 4 times third, and will be eligible this year to the 124 Pace at Hilliards, Ohio, half-mile track she won the C Pace, driven by owner E.C. Samples of Rockford, Ohio, in 2.09, and that's where she took her record.

Miss Tom Scott, a four-year-old trotter by the Ohio sire, Thomas B. Scott, p. 1.58 3-5, and her dam Royal Claire, by Royal Napoleon, p. 2.00 3-4. She is splendidly bred on both sides and would make a fast pacer; but the former owner states that he believes she would be an exceptional trotter, as, with very little work she stepped a mile in 1:15 and the last quarter in 31 seconds.

Now here is a "real" one — British Lie, p. 2.07 3-5. This mare is five years old and was bred by Vololite, p. 2.07 1/2, sire of four with records better than 1:16 and a son of Volomite, 2:03 1/4, in 2:12 minutes. The dam of British Lie is Eva's Doris, and she is first foal. Eva's Doris was sired by Scotland, 1:59 1/4, and her dam produced seven with records better than 2:11. The pedigree, from there on, is exceptional, and when her racing days are over, she will be very valuable as a broodmare. The yearbook shows British Lie as taking part in 31 races last season, and she was 7 times first, 4 times second, and 4 times third, racing against some of the best young pacers in Ohio, and other places.

Vesta Wick was two years old on January 22, last, and was bred at Pickwick Farms, Bucyrus, Ohio, one of the best breeding places in that state. His sire is Direct May, 3, 2.04, and he is the sire of four in 2:06 or better. His own sire was Billy Direct, p. 1:55. Her dam is Lost Negro, p. 1:57 3-5, by Highland Scott, p. 1:58 1/4. The rest of the pedigree is also excellent. She is being trained a little on the trot this season, and was timed in better than three minutes.

Raven Abbe, p. 2.07, is a six-year-old bay gelding by Gene Abbe, 2:00 3-5, sire of Irish, p. 2:01 3-5, winner of over \$100,000, and better than 2:05. Raven Abbe was twice first, 8 times second, and twice third, last season, winning \$3,684, racing in very high company. At Roosevelt Raceway on September 24, 1957, he won the \$2,000 Conditioned Pace, driven by Franklin Safford, in 2:08.

Minneapolis, p. 2.10 3-5, is a five-year-old chestnut gelding by Walter Elworthy, 2:12, dam Miss was three times first, once second, and twice third, with winning time of \$2,305. He is eligible to race in the \$1,500 Pace in Florida, and took his record

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