

Back Stretch

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that gait this spring. She won both heats and in the final stepped easily in 2:14 4/5, giving many horse- men the impression that she can trot as easily in 2:10. A lot of spend- id prospects showed up in this class which proves that given op- portunity, this province can turn out dozens of fast trotters and pacers. As one horseman remark- ed, "the woods is full of them."

Harry Hirsch of Sydney, who always campaigns a very strong stable, just recently added to it the four-year-old pacer Peach Butter, with a three-year-old record of

2:10. Her sire is Royal Napoleon 2:00%. She started in 15 heats last year, won nine and is eligible to the 2:22 pace. It took a lot of money to pry her away from Reed Bros., Fort Fairfield, Maine, who took the pacer Jenny Lyn 2:06 as part payment. Jenny Lyn is eligible to the 2:14 class and won seven dashes in 1950.

Through the kindness of track superintendent Bill MacAusland, we have been furnished with a complete list of the trotters and pacers at the Charlottetown Race track . . . Dr. R. F. Seaman — Just Brenda 2:14 2/5, Just Sandra, Just Betty 2:10%; H. B. Willis — Argot Pointer 2:09 2/5, J. S. J. 2:12 4/5, Lindy Budlong, Billy Conn 2:12 2/5 (E. Bowness), America's

Bud (H. Gudmore); Ed Downe— Gary D. 2:21 2/5, Darcy Patch (Mullins and Ramsey), Silver Chil- coat 2:20 1/5 (Frank Roper), Star- light Direct 2:15 3/5 (Ray Genge); Len O'Meara — Miss Knox 2:10, Dean Swift 2:19 4/5 (G. H. Bun- tain), Quick Lick 2:10 2/5, Bob Canuck 2:13 1/5 (John McLean); Wait N'See 2:11 1/5 (G. Gregory), Sir Francis Drake 2:16 2/5, Ima Harvester (Chris McDougall), Len's Pal, New Forest (Mrs. James Pou- lon); James McGregor—Josedale Clipper 2:08%; (Barbour & Bevan), Silk Hal 2:09 1/5, Pet Hanover, Budlong (Roy Bevan), Campbell's Buddy 2:21 2/5, Campbell's Queen (B. Campbell), Betty's Boy (Betty Rennie), Bruce Budlong (Stanley Brown), Lily Marlene 2:18 1/5 (R. Warren), New Look 2:11 (J. Mc- Gregory); Willard & Lorne Kelly — Bonnie Dale 2:15 1/5 (C. Birt), Lucky Number 2:10 1/5, Milldale 2:16 2/5, Miss Playfair 2:16 4/5, Nell Kalmuck 2:10, Margo Dale, Johnny Kalmuck 2:11 (Walter Kelly), April Bud, Feather Duster 2:12 2/5, Judy Dale (Lester John- son), Marion E. (C. Ellis), Mac- budlong (R. Jenkins), Roma Bud- long (S. J. MacDonald), Tarral Lil- liedale (S. J. MacDonald) and a three-year-old Playade owned by Lee Howard; Earle Semple—Mary Merk p. 2:08 3/5, t. 2:14 4/5, (Cud- more & Semple), Jessica Direct 2nd (Prowse) 2:08 4/5, Carol Cum- ba 2:11, (Semple & Connell), John- ny P. Hanover (Yeo); Elwood Shaw—Prince Marine, Bobby Sox (Hillard Toombs), Laura Budlong; (Al Carver); Austin Tierney — Wayne Budlong (R. Keenan), Miss Judy Dale 2:18 3/5, (E. Buell), Miss Lady May (Jenkins & Buell), Robin C. (H. Simpson); Lorne Leitcher— Miss Donna Mae 2:12 1/5, A.G. Scott 2:09 4/5, Jennie Kalmuck 2:11 1/5, Rhodola D. 2:11 3/5, Dave Wisener — Buddy Clegg 2:16 2/5, Guy Harvester 2:13 (Col. D. A. MacKinnon), Mary T. Clegg 2:15 2/5, (L. D. MacLeod), Babe Brit- ton 2:09 4/5 (G. Thompson), Peter Mite (Thompson); Walter Craig — Billy McVay 2:09 3/5, Rosalie Hooper 2:12 1/5, Sister Verna Hoo, Sister Mary, Eugene Han- over, Miss Pen Pal (H. & S. Stab- le); Eric Moreside—Worthy Erm- line 2:08 2/5, (Myron Bell), Eleanor G. 2:10 2/5, Barry Clegg (Mrs. Picton Brown), Mary's Delight 2:14 2/5, (Wilfred Praught), Happy Vernon (Joe MacDonald), Opiza Dale (Bert Strang), Tartan (T. R. Rogers); Teddy Weir—Tennessee Sue 2:06 3/4, Direct Volo 2nd, 2:16 3/5, Nancy Bravo (Power Bros.), Heatherdale (McDermott), Nora Grattan (Duffy); Sam Kennedy— Colonel Looker 2:07 1/5, Carl Aub- rey 2:17, Lusticia 2:13; Emmett Bernard—C. Albert Budlong 2:12 3/5, (B. Howatt), Hilda Mac 2:15 4/5, Face Cloth (Clayton Green), Eddie Dale (E. Bernard), Red Spruce and four colts; Joe McRae— Prondigal Vic 2:05 1/2, Sugar Har- vester 2:19 3/5, Fernie Dale and one colt; Claude O'Brien — Lock Hanover 2:07 3/5 (Bert Yerxa); Dorothy Fowler—Mayme Axwor- thy 2:12; H. Cormier—Time Table 2:03, Polly Reynolds 2:11, Tryon 2:12 2/5, Ma Cherie 2:15 2/5, Bren- da Clegg, Roxie Mae, Playaway; Joe Hennessy — Cheeky Chief 2:05 1/5, Filbert 2:09, (Wal Hen- nessy), Just Nellie C. (C. Sher-

ren); James Arbing—Judy A. Lee (P. Arbing), Simple Choice (Bell Bros.), Paper Girl (Lloyd Palmer), Pepper (G. Turner); Stewart Bros.—Kentucky Derby, Lana Dale (D. Stewart), Just Lucky (W. Stew- art).

George B. Gay's initial race of the season at Moncton must have been a pleasing one for him with 2,000 paid spectators. Fast step- ping characterized each class. In the No. 2 Classified Lady Ruthie T. (Stevens) lowered her record to 2:20; Craiglee Harvester (Wood) won the first heat in 2:18. The classified trot had a nice list of entries, the 18-year-old Dizay Dean (London) winning the first heat in 2:18. He is a son of Kal- muck and that accounts for his long period on the turf. Abner Hanover 2:12, trained and driven by Myron MacArthur, won the second heat in 2:16, showing that he is pretty well up to form. The No. 1 classified was won by Ab- bieland (Watts) in 2:12 3/5, with Polly Reynolds (Cormier) win- ning the other dash in 2:11 1/5— certainly a fast heat for so early in the season and almost equal- ling her record of 2:11. In the Free For All, McKlyo Cash, owned by George B. Gay, won the first heat in 2:08—the fastest in the Maritimes this season. Time Table (Cormier) second. In the next heat Time Table won in 2:10 2/5.

A letter from Louis J. Najec, harness horse editor of the Provi- dence, R.I., Journal and Bulletin, states that they are in the throes of a bread strike and all bakeries are shut tight. The bakers want a forty hour week—five days, Louis writes—"There has been a run on flour at the markets and that is all gone, as so many have taken to making their own bread. In my younger days I can recall mother making the bread for us at Sutherland's River, N.S. We grew our wheat, had it threshed, then taken to the grist mill and ground. She would have the yeast in a bottle and in the middle of the night the cork would pop out down stairs and I would have to go down with a lamp, find the cork and put it back in the bot- tle." Many in the vicinity of New Glasgow, N.S. will remem- ber Mr. Najec and his very fine mother. Lou writes in a more hopeful vein of another happen- ing in Providence where a mil- lionaire, interested in harness racing, has spent \$50,000 fixing up his track, grounds and stables for matinee racing. For the opening there is free admis- sion for the public, free parking on the grounds, free entry for horses and he is giving coolers, sheets, halters, etc. for prizes. He has also made a nice club room with chairs, tables, television, ra- dio, etc."

The June 13th issue of The Harness Horse has the following:— The fastest training mile of a two-year-old trotter glimpsed at Rosecroft Raceway, Maryland, was the 2:12 trip turned in by Fez Rosecroft in the Earle Avery string. The fast gaited youngster stepped the first quarter in just

31 seconds, then eased off and came the last end in 32 seconds. Earle Avery's name appears in many summaries at Rosecroft Raceway and he is now being looked upon as one of the top ten States. Maritimers will be glad to see this recognition given our good friend Earle.

In a recent list of summaries at Quebec City track we notice Louis Praught won with the 12-year-old Seven Up by Follow Up, from a good field in 2:15 and 2:17 3/5. He also won a classified race with Grattan F., best time 2:22. Louis is a brother of Wilfred and Leo Praught, well known horsemen of Cherry Valley.

Smoking carelessness is blamed for the disaster that struck Buf- falo track on June 7th when a devastating fire levelled a string of five barns and destroyed 31 valuable horses. More than 300 volunteer firemen from nine com- munities assisted by the specta- tors at the track battled the blaze which threatened the whole grounds for an hour. Richard Nesbitt of Rochester suffered the severest loss of 18 fine standard bred trotters and pacers. Several of the trainers lost every piece of equipment, grooms lost their shel- ter and clothing in the catastro- phe. William H. Cane, president of Yonkers Raceway, and other tracks nearby offered accommoda- tion and 100 portable stalls were sent by Bowman A. Brown, man- ager of the Standard Bred Sale, to help house the horses until new ones could be built.

Dates for harness horse racing have been issued by the Maine State Racing Commission. Spring meeting starts from June 7 to 16 at Lewiston and then continue at New Gloucester, Cumberland and Gorham up to July 28th, then the agricultural fairs start with Pres- que Isle, July 30th to August 4th and these continue until the 20th of October, then the fall overcoat meetings start on Oct. 22 and con- tinue until November 17th. There is certainly plenty of opportunity to race in Maine.

Hunters Corner

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fyng for one of the senior prizes providing the award is more val- uable, or enticing, than the fifteen dollar first junior prize. Seniors are limited to their own competi- tion. No single competitor is eligible for more than one prize.

The above is an attractive prize list. There are thirteen prizes (13 is an unlucky number . . . for the crows), and the least prize of the thirteen has a value of \$4.00. The Associations and Firms that con- tributed the prizes are as follows: Queens County Branch Game As- sociation; Pheasants Unlimited; R. T. Holman Ltd.; Rogers Hard- ware; The Bike Shop; The Sport Lodge; and Percy Turner who do- nated a pair of hip rubber boots valued at approximately \$18.00.

The Sport Lodge gave a bamboo casting rod (value not mentioned) and B. Graham Rogers donated \$5.00 for the 3rd junior award.

The Government sponsored pond at Annandale is beginning to earn a name for itself in respect to big trout. One was landed weighing over three pounds and several 2 and 2 1/2 pounders have been tak- en. A disappointed visiting angler hooked into the daddy of them all but lost out in the ensuing battle. He brought the fish to boat side but the big sockdologer gave with a heave that splashed a quart of water into the boat, and broke clear. This is one trout that lived to fight another day. The sixty- five dollar question is: who will be the next contender? They tell me that Bruce is sharpening up his 'jig' but Art says he can take the best that comes on an ordi- nary fly rod.

The proprietor of Whitlock's has made a welcome change in the boat anchorage. He has bul- dozed a road through the woods to a point opposite the Turner landing. This road turns off to the left just after crossing the road bridge. There is a spacious parking lot at its terminal and the road itself is quite passable and will be made more so as time permits. This is a welcome inno- vation as it dispenses with a row of close to a half mile . . . four tenths and a fraction, to be exact.

The pulp wood craze that has hit the province is causing serious concern among all citizens inter- ested in this fair Island's future welfare. Wherever one drives, or walks, particularly in the south- ern and eastern sections of the province one sees pile upon pile of stacked pulp wood and meets trucks at most every turn loaded with this commodity.

King's County has long been noted for its virgin stands of spruce and fir. What is the situa- tion today? Mile upon mile of tangled slashings that are a verti- cal fire-trap. There is no sys- tem to the cutting, at least any that I have examined. Tall swamp spruce are chopped down and four or five lengths are sawn off and the tops left. If a tree is cut down that shows an unsound core and unsuitable for pulp it is left lying where it fell.

Queen's and Prince Counties have also suffered. The beautifully wooded Bonshaw country, or what

once was beautifully wooded, is a sight to bring tears to honest eyes. An atomic bomb couldn't wreck greater havoc. This agri- cultural province is no place for full scale and extensive lumber- ing. When visiting lumbermen from the mainland have exhaust- ed our woodlots they will, in all probability, tie themselves back to whence they came and leave us nothing but a haunting memory.

From what I have witnessed our wooded areas are being ruth- lessly butchered. No man or people can violate Nature's code

without paying the penalty. I am not an alarmist, at least that is not my intention, but if we have a dry July and August and a fire gets going in the eastern section of the province that is fanned by a high wind it will sweep through King's County from one end to the other. Wood-cutters who are ply- ing their trade in the summer months had better exercise the utmost care with cigarette butts, etc., or else spend the rest of their lives haunted by the ghost of the worst forest fire in the province's history.

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