

Joe Smallwood Having Fine Harness Season



JOE SMALLWOOD

Joe Smallwood a soft-spoken young veteran is having his biggest year and has been having plenty of success with his small stable. The modest 26 year old harnessman from Southport has been having great success with his stable of three which include the black free-for-all Yankee Timber, the filly Maynards Missy, and the aging-trotter Windy June.

Joe got his start in the race game in the summer of 1958 when he raced his own horse George Spirit at the Hazelbrook track. In 1958 Joe brought A.R. Mac and raced him in Ch'town and Summerside. Joe worked at his father's farm in Southport and trained and raced these horses in his spare time up until 1961 when he decided to make a career for himself in the race game.

In 1961 Joe worked at the Charlottetown track for H.B. Willis and that fall drove H.B. horses one of which was Ted Genesee the great trotter.

In 1962 Joe moved to Halifax where he became trainer-driver for the Charlie Piper owned horses. His stable included such names as: Armbrø Barney, Scott's Command, Slow Hope, Wee Marg, Wee, Bonnie Scott, Pixie Abbe, and two colts. Joe had these horses for the summer of 1962 and the summer of 1963, and had great success with them. Joe remained in Halifax in 1964 running a public stable of his own with a few of Piper's horses along with Killar-

ney Boy for Richard Jabalee of Sydney, a good friend of Joe's. Joe was also doing a great deal of "catch driving". Joe was making a name for himself in Halifax but in the fall although very busy—remained away from the horse game until this spring.

Casper Leads Thunderbird

CLIFTON, N.J. (AP) — Bill Casper's putter was breathing fire Friday and the National Open champion took a one-stroke lead after 36 holes in the \$100,000 Thunderbird Golf Classic.

Casper shot a four-under-par 68 over the Upper Montclair Country Club course for a half-way total of 138. This gave him a one shot edge over Mason Rudolph of Clarksville, Tenn., and Babe Lichardus, a 37-year-old assistant pro from nearby Deal, N.J.

PROBABLE PITCHERS

Probable pitchers for today's major league baseball games: American League Kansas City (Nash 6-0) at Minnesota (Bowen 12-5 or Merritt 2-11) California (Newman 1-5) at Chicago (Horton 7-12) Cleveland (Hargan 8-6) at New York (Bouton 1-5) Detroit (Wilson 12-9) at Boston (Santiago 11-8) Washington (McCormick 7-10) at Baltimore (Palmer 12-6) National League Pittsburgh (Fryman 9-6) at Cincinnati (Maloney 12-4) Chicago (Ellsworth 5-17) at Los Angeles (Knuff 18-6) Houston (Guisti 11-9) at San Francisco (Bolin 6-7) Philadelphia (Bunning 12-8) at Atlanta (Johnson 9-7) New York (Ribant 7-5) at St. Louis (Gibson 14-9)

Exhibition Tuesday Night

There will be an exhibition game Tuesday, August 16, at 6:15 between the National Park All Stars of the City Softball League and the Canadian Tire Pistons of the Commercial League. Coaches John Hughes and Duke Larter request that all players be at the Victoria Park diamond on time.

Legion Meets Mount Stewart

The Charlottetown Legion Juniors will meet the Mount Stewart and area All Stars this afternoon for the second game of the best of two out of three series for the Prince Edward Island Canadian Legion Junior Baseball finals. Both teams would appreciate a large turnout of fans for the game which begins at two o'clock. If it becomes necessary, a third game will be played immediately.

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HUNTERS' CORNER

Conservation Could Be Too Little And Too Late

As I type my column this morning I have my diary beside me dated Saturday, September 1st, 1934 the opening morning of the duck shooting season. Quote — "Fair and warm shot ten black ducks—had eight in the boat in the first 20 minutes. Fraser's Beaver Dam, Avondale was the site of the shoot. This huge dam, an approximate mile long, was in line with the morning flight from Pisquid Pond. Peakes. It was a natural black duck resting spot as it was covered with a heavy growth of flags in places interspersed with large pools of blue water where the ducks could coast to an easy landing. It was also bordered by a heavy stand of black spruce that sheltered it from the wind. The ducks would drop in at Fraser's Beaver Dam in preference to the salt water flats off Irving's Bar and St. Peter's Island. After the ducks had filled themselves with wild rice at Pisquid Pond during the night Fraser's looked like a quiet sunning spot.

In the pre-dawn blackness, ducks disturbed by hunters arriving at Pisquid Pond, came plucking in at Fraser's. It was a safe to stand up in the boat. One duck tried to alight in my lap and then just flipped over the boat edge and landed in the water three feet out. Old Jack, my Spünger Spaniel, in his wild leap to grab it, came within an ace of dumping me out into the drink. He missed the duck which was all to the good. The trio of Dennis, Spillet and Ferguson, was well as the Southport farmer, were rigged out well to the north of my stand. As the dawn began to break I could see the outline of ducks all around me. Old Jack was quivering like he was going to fall apart at the seams and giving with that "when are you going to start the ball" look. But I just shook my head. I am being perfectly honest when I say "that if I had been alone I wouldn't have fired a shot".

When the trio to the north of me opened up the roar of frantically flapping wing beats was deafening. There were ducks in the air—not in hundreds but in thousands... just a tight black ceiling of waterfowl. A good 90 per cent were blacks with the balance a mixture of Blue and Green-wing teal, Ring-necked ducks and Scaup. The handwriting was on the wall in the early sixties. Drastic conservation measures in 1962 could have given our black ducks a chance to make a come-back. In fact a warning was issued through the medium of the column but it fell on deaf ears and resulted in an open season until December 25th or thereabouts. Every open "pot hole" in the Morell was cleared of black ducks by December 20th. A resident of the area told me that he knew of over one hundred black ducks being shot in one week in December regardless of the fact that it was proven they were unfit for table use. The duck season should never extend beyond November 30th. By the look of our waterfowl situation at the moment even drastic conservation action could be too little and too late.

This conservation action is not intended to include our wildgeese as they appear to be well able to look after themselves so far as the "run of the mill" hunter is concerned. Since wildgeese have discovered the joys of stubble feeding on succulent grain kernels they have opened up an easy hunting technique compared to former hunting methods... stubble shooting. The suggested opening date for wildgeese of October 1st is a good conservation measure. When it opened on October 15th had next to unmolested feeding for over two weeks and on the opening morning were caught napping. Flocks piled into a rig of decoys if pulled by an invisible cord.

Some flocks suffered heavy casualties before they wised up. Old experienced flock leaders learned in one quick lesson—if they needed even that—but the flocks piloted by a young inexperienced leader were, on some occasions, practically shot down to the last member before they wised up... and some were completely wiped out.

Some old time flock leaders can sense a "phonie" set-up before coming within shooting range, and have on occasion warned other flocks of their danger. One old timer alighted within 300 yards of a "rig" and warned all incoming flocks. When the leader of a small flock of six showed signs of disobeying orders the old boy pretty near burst a blood vessel. In exasperation the two hunters left their blind and walked toward the old watch dog. He stood motionless and silent until they were almost within long shooting range. He appeared to be watching something behind them and he was. When the hunters turned they saw a flock of five in the act of dropping into their "rig". As they watched in exasperation the old leader silently took his flock aloft without a cheep being heard and on his way out took the five trusting creatures with him.

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