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DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

Edward R. Murphy, President of the Montague Club, is on intimate terms with W. H. Gocher, Secretary of the National Trotting Association, Hartford, Conn. In the course of recent correspondence Mr. Murphy mentioned a race contested over Beacon Park in 1889 that he remembered, but was not clear as to the starters in it. This brought a reply from Mr. Gocher as follows:

"The race you mention was the W. P. Balch Stakes for 2.19 class trotting stallions, purse \$10,000. It was raced September 23rd, 1889, over Beacon Park, Allston, Mass. The following is the official summary of the race:

Nelson, by Youn: Rofo 1 1 1
Alcyon, by Alcyon 2 2 5
Pilot Knox, by Black Pilot 3 2 3
Jumebunt, by Tremont 4 3 3
Granby, by Principis 5 5 4
Time: 2:18 1-2, 2:17 1-4, 2:18 3-4"

Continuing Mr. Gocher writes: "You will note on reading the above that Allerton was not a starter in that race. In fact, at that time Allerton was only a two-year-old and was in C. W. Williams' stable at Independence, Iowa. This was the race in connection with which Nelson was afterwards expelled. In other words, Frank Noble, the owner of Alcyon, was given first money in order to let Nelson win, and he collected second money through his position in the race."

"In connection with Allerton I would add that in 1891 he and Nelson trotted a match race at Grand Rapids, Michigan. Nelson won the first heat and Allerton the next three, the time for the race being 2:13, 2:14 1-2, 2:15, 2:16 1-2. This race was to high wheel sulkes, it being the last year they were used."

To most of our readers the name of Nelson means nothing; but in 1890 he was the world's champion trotting stallion, having taken a record of 2:10 to high wheels. He was bred and owned in the state of Maine and the inhabitants thereof are proud of the fact to this day. The scandal referred to above put an end to his racing career and as a stock horse he was not very successful.

The good mare Quinia 2:04 1-4 by the wonderful trotting sire Belwin 2:06 3-4, with 136 in the 2:10 list, nine of which are from 2:00 1-4 to 2:02 1-4, has dropped a colt foal by Lusty Frisco (3) 2:07 3-4. Quinia was formerly owned by Colonel D. MacKinnon and is now in the stable of Alfie Webster, Mr. Webster says the youngster is a rugged, strongly built colt and is Lusty Frisco's first foal.

With his wonderful pedigree and speed inheritance this youngster should prove a good futurity prospect. His sire Lusty Frisco 2:07 3-4 is by that sterling race horse San Francisco 2:07 3-4, whose get are noted for their gameness, 89 of which are in the 2:10 list and includes Vansand 2:00 3-4, Lu Princeton 2:01, Frisco June (3) 2:01 1-4, David Thornton 2:01 1-2, and St. Frisco 2:01 3-4. Lusty's dam, Gaiety Guy, has six in the 2:10 list, a two-year-old taking a record last fall of 2:05 and is entered in the Hambletonian Stake. Her sire Guy Asworthy is without a peer as a producer of extreme speed, as he is the sire of the world's champion trotting stallion Lee Axworthy 1:58 1-4, also four-year-old champion trotter, leading sire of 2:05 trotters (42) also of 2:10 trotters (164) as well as two and three-year-old trotters. Lusty's granddam Daisy Lee is the dam of eleven in the 2:10 list which includes the world's champion Lee Axworthy 1:58 1-4.

John Hervey, whose stories of the great horses of the past appear in The Harness Horse from time to time, had for his subject in the last number, Cresceus 2:02 1-4, world's champion trotter in 1901. Cresceus was foaled in 1894 at the farm of the late George H. Ketcham, who also trained, drove and raced him throughout his entire career. Ketcham was a member of a prominent and wealthy family, a man of striking individuality, much intelligence and varied abilities. While a man of strong passions he was celebrated for his self-control, his cool, calculating habits of mind and action in moments when other men would be swept away by the heat of their emotions. When in young manhood his health failed and he was in danger of tuberculosis, physicians ordered him to live in the open, and take to horses and horsemanship as aids to building himself up physically. This he did—most effectively.

Around 1890 he established a stock farm and purchased Robert McGregor 2:17 1-2, the "Monarch of the Home Stretch" then past twenty and one of the leading Irish trotting sires. In 1893 he mated him with a proud mare called Mabel that he had bought for a small figure the year before. She proved a lucky purchase, for only a few months after he bought her the Grand Circuit was ringing with the performances of her daughter Brightingale 2:10 1-3, that won two \$25,000 stakes and numerous other races.

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three when mated with Mabel but the fire of his vigor was undiminished and the spring of 1894 she gave birth to a chestnut colt—not a gorgeous-red-gold chestnut like his sire, but of a yellow hue with blonde foretop, mane and tail. McGregor was one of the grandest individuals that the standard breed ever produced, but Mabel was a rather common-looking mare and her foal in that respect took after her. He was rather chunky, stout and robust, with a good head but a short neck and short body and a leggy understanding. He was in fact anything but a beauty and visitors to the farm were not asked to dwell upon his looks or promise.

In his yearling form he had a severe attack of distemper which left him in such a shocking shape to the eye that Ketcham ordered him put out of the way in the belief that he was worthless. This order his superintendent, Murnen, did not carry out but kept the future champion out of sight until he had fully recovered. Murnen gave the colt his first lessons, broke him and got him going, then Ketcham took him up and one day when he was going good he took him out on the speedway and let him step over the snow with some of the fastest horses in Toledo.

His speed was terrific even at that youthful age, and Ketcham's interest became that of a proud breeder and owner. He foresaw a great future for the youngster so cast about for a good name for him, and being a man of more than ordinary culture he called him after one of the great chariotiers of the Roman Hippodrome, Cresceus.

As a two-year-old he was raced only twice at small track meetings and never allowed to extend himself. As a three-year-old he was started on the Grand Circuit. His first race was in the 2:20 all aged trot, which he could have won but for the strong-arm tactics of owner-driver George Ketcham. Later on when there was plenty of money in the pot he was started at For. Wayne, Indiana, against twelve aged trotters including such high class horses as The Monk 2:05 3-4, Eagle Fannigan 2:07 1-4, and after no less than eight heats in which he broke all records for races of such duration, and having finished second in most of them, he won the sixth, seventh and eighth heats in 2:12 1-2, 2:11 1-4, 2:11 1-4. Some performance for a three-year-old!

From that day on Cresceus' climb was steadily upward to the trotting crown and a fame that became world wide. Among the highlights of that wonderful career we quote a few:

First trotting stallion to go in 2:05 better: 2:04 in 1900. First trotter to go in 2:03 or better: 2:02 1-4 in 1901.

First trotter to go in 2:05 in a race: 2:03 1-4 in 1901. Defeated The Abbot 2:03 1-4 for the championship of the turf and a purse of \$12,000 at Brighton Beach in 1901.

Won the \$5,000 free-for-all stallion race at New York City in 1899.

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Held at one and the same time the world's trotting record for both one (2:02 1-4) and two (4:17) miles.

Held at one and the same time the world's record both against time and in a race.

Held at one and the same time the world's record for a two-heat race, a five-heat race and an eight-heat race, as well as a three-heat race for stallions.

First horse in the world to trot in 2:10 or better over a half-mile track: 2:09 3-4, Toledo, Ohio, 1900—reduced to 2:08 at Omaha, Nebraska, 1905.

Winning in races and exhibitions considerably in excess of \$100,000.

Only trotting stallion in history to hold the world's trotting record.

He was a horse of strange temperament. For the most part to those who saw him only on race days he appeared quiet, placid, handled easily and without risk or trouble. But beneath this slept the vengeful disposition of his sire. For his caretaker, Eddie Mitchell, he would do anything, but strangers did well to keep away from him. As a race horse he was a phenomenon, and when he came to the track he was a paragon of manners. He never flustered or acted bad. His was always in his place, "cool, calm and collected." It was only after a few scores when he turned for the word as high speed with a very fast antagonist, that he betrayed any excitement, but then he was indeed a tremendous sight. He would shake his head like a lion, throw back his mane and foretop with an imperious gesture, his eyes would flame, his nostrils expand and he took on the aspect of a volcano in harness, coming with a cyclonic rush that was overwhelming in its might and power.

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Cardinals Strengthen League Lead

(A.P. By Guardian's Special Wire) NEW YORK, May 22.—St. Louis Cardinals strengthened their hold on first place in the National League today when they whipped Pirates 11-4 at Pittsburgh.

During the second inning the Cards connected with five doubles to come within one of the major league record for a single inning. Behind the heavy hitting, Dean had an easy time. He allowed eight hits.

Phillies losers of five straight games, cut loose on Giants at New York for a 15-0 victory with Bucky Walters pitching four-hit ball. Philadelphia slammed Fred Fitzsimmons and Dick Coffman for 16 hits, including home runs by Pinky Whitney, Walter and Ernest Sulik. They scored seven runs in the first inning, six more in the seventh and added a couple in between with Whitney driving in five of the tallies.

Johnny Cooney's single off Bull Urbanski's shins in the 11th inning at Brooklyn sent Jimmy Bucher home with the run that gave Dodger a 4-3 decision over Boston Bees in a slugfest.

The Bees collected 12 hits and the Dodgers 11. Bees went into the last half of the eighth leading 3-1.

Buddy Hassett, Brooklyn first baseman, failed to get a hit for the first time in 14 games.

against The Abbot at Brighton Beach, after winning the first heat in 2:03 1-4 he took the ex-champion to the first eighth in the next one in thirteen seconds, swept him off his feet and fagged him. He never made a break, he was always on the trot. He did nothing else. He had the heart of a lion, the ruggedness of a grizzly bear, the determination of a pit bull-dog, legs of steel and a brain which, or a race horse was a perfect mechanism.

He wore many boots, carried hock extensions behind but went light. The sulky used was a particularly high one, the driver being seated almost on a level with the back of his horse. In that way he got all the wind resistance, otherwise even with the bikes in use at that day he would have beaten two minutes. Trained and raced under conditions which prevail in this era, there is no knowing how fast he would have gone.

The final end of Cresceus 2:02 1-4 was an unenviable one. His owner got mixed up in a scandal on the turf, was expelled and sold Cresceus to a Russian, who took him to the land of the Czars, where he was badly used by the new owner. He was afterwards placed in the stud and when the Bolshevik revolution broke out was carried off and perished from exposure.

Interest in Cresceus will be heightened by the fact that Mr. Frank Beales of Charlottetown, had in George Cresceus 2:11 1-4, an almost exact counterpart in looks of h's great sire. This gallant horse was a contender or winner of several races for Mr. Beales and a big favorite with race-goers at Halifax and Charlottetown.

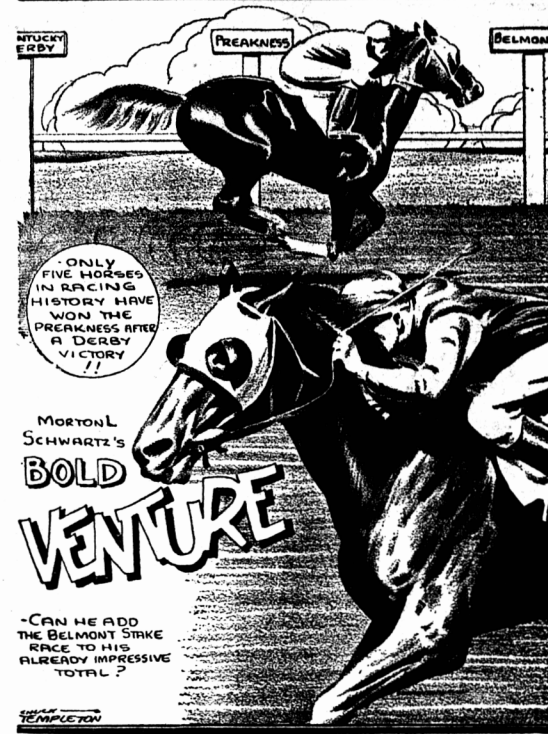
Robert McGregor, the sire of Cresceus was the sire of the dam of Grattan Royal 2:06 1-4, founder of the famous Grattans that have raced so marvelously as pacers for the last ten years. He was also the sire of the dam of McGregor the Great 2:03 1-4, sire of Heatherbell 2:10.

We have received from Dr. J. M. Nicholson of Charlottetown some interesting summaries of races that took place over the Halifax track, May 24th, 1934. These will appear in next week's Back Stretch.

Al Carver, Veron River, has sold his good trotter Mae West, trial 2:14 1-2, half in 1:03 1-2, to Albert MacLeod of Millville. Mae is by Colonel Aubrey out of a Captain Aubrey mare, therefore an inbred Peter the Great and a good speed prospect.

The Prince Edward Island Harness racing club report on its Futurity Races which appears in this issue deserves to be read by every horseman. It is a highly creditable one and reflects credit on the officers of the Association.

Chuck Templeton's SPORTRAITS AFTER TURF'S TRIPLE CROWN



British Doubles Teams To Meet In Semi-final Round Of French Tournament

(A. P. By Guardian's Special Wire) PARIS, May 22.—England's Davis Cup tennis team will have an intra-squad workout tomorrow in the semi-final round of the French hard courts doubles championship with the regular combination of George P. Hughes and Charles R. D. Tuckey opposing the singles stars, Fred Perry and H. W. "Bunny" Austin.

Both British teams gained the penultimate round after dropping one set to their opponents today. Hughes and Tuckey defeated the young French team of Pierre Pelizza and Yvon Reira, 10-8, 4-6, 6-0, 6-4. Another French pair, Andre Martin-Legeay and Jean Lesueur, were victims of Perry and Austin, the Briton conquering them 6-4, 6-1, 5-7, 6-3.

The veteran Jean Borotra and Marcel Bernard of France gained another of the semi-final brackets with a 12-10, 6-3, 6-3 victory over F. H. D. Wilde and Charles Hare of England. Their opponents will be decided by the quarter-final match between Jacques Brugnon and Christian Boussus of France, and Gottfried von Cramm and Karl Lund of Germany.

Long Laird Watt of Montreal fell in the first round of singles competition today, before the brilliant shots of Paul Feret of France. Scores were 6-1, 6-3, 6-1.

America's last two representatives were eliminated from the doubles.

Florence Le Boutillier of France lost and Raymond Rodol of France lost to Mme. Sylvia Henrotin and Martin-Legeay, France, 6-2, 6-1, in a third rounder, and Mrs. Dorothy Andrus of New York and Mme. Henrotin were beaten 7-5, 6-0 by Susan Noel of England and Jadwiga Jedzejowska of Poland.

In the women's semi-finals tomorrow Jeanne Demuelsemeester and Nelly Adamson of Belgium will oppose Mme. Simone Mathieu of France and Billy Yorke of England, and Miss Neel and Miss Jedzejowska will play Simone Iribarne and Edith Bellard of France.

Charlottetown Rifle Range Opens Today

It will be good news to the riflemen that arrangements have been made for the opening of Kensington Rifle Range this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Three targets will be available, Nos. 8, 9, 10, for the use of trained riflemen only. It is expected that all applicants to the inter-Maritime team will be present. The match will be shot here on Thursday, June 18th, between teams of eight men from each of the three Maritime Provinces.

How They Stand

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE
Newark 21 18 618
Buffalo 20 13 606
Rochester 15 12 586
Montreal 18 15 545
Baltimore 17 18 486
Toronto 15 18 455
Albany 12 20 375
Syracuse 8 17 320

AMERICAN LEAGUE
New York 22 11 677
Boston 23 12 657
Detroit 19 14 576
Cleveland 17 15 531
Chicago 15 14 517
Washington 17 18 486
Philadelphia 10 20 333
St. Louis 7 26 212

NATIONAL LEAGUE
St. Louis 20 10 687
New York 19 12 613
Pittsburgh 16 14 533
Chicago 15 15 500
Cincinnati 15 17 469
Boston 14 17 452
Brooklyn 19 10 406
Philadelphia 13 21 382

Down The Alleys

HOLY NAME HALL "LEAP YEAR" LEAGUE
G. McDonald 182 167 118
M. McInnis 152 141 122
Total—382
C. Purcell 140 213 164
B. McCabe 185 227 158
Total—1087
F. Henessey 206 154 247
E. Connors 131 117 163
Total—1018
L. Doiron 257 154 194
I. Dougan 185 210 135
Total—1013
F. Tierney 154 198 181
H. McMillan 239 121 165
Total—1058
E. Robin 207 208 160
J. McCabe 134 232 116
Total—1057
J. Hughes 232 148 188
E. Dougan 240 141 194
Total—1133
R. Bradley 260 214 181
E. Martin 99 166 153
Total—1070
J. Hogan 172 142 158
F. Mallett 185 210 98
Total—965
R. Cameron 158 188 281
A. Birch 124 134 146
Total—1081
L. Corcoran 304 236 144
A. Sherry 156 149 188
Total—1177
J. Cameron 193 252 276
E. Mitchell 176 164 193
Total—1253

Last night's six winners were as follows:
1—J. Cameron & F. Mitchell, 1253.
2—L. Corcoran & A. Sherry, 1177.
3—J. Hughes & E. Dougan, 1133.
4—C. Purcell & B. McCabe, 1087.
5—R. Bradley & E. Martin, 1070.
6—F. Tierney & H. McMillan, 1058.

LADIES CHALLENGE
We, the Royal Sisters baseball team, do hereby challenge the Down East girls team to a friendly game of hard ball on the 26th day of May to be played Down East. Signed, CAPTAIN LOTTE WILSON. If acceptable phone 1024-L.

Home Runs Yesterday: Whitney, Phillies, Sulik, Phillies, Goslin, Tigers, Averill, Indians, all one. The Leaders: Fox, Red Sox 10, Trosky, Indians 8, Dickey, Yankees 8, Ott, Giants 7. League Totals: American 145, National 140, total 285.

Prince Edward Island Harness Racing Club

—Director's Report - 1935—
DIRECTORS REPORT FOR 1935
To the Members of the Prince Edward Island Harness Racing Club, we hereby submit the following report for the second year's activities of this Club, we feel it is unnecessary for us to again refer to the origin of this Club, further than to state that the efforts of those who were responsible for its birth have been more than crowned with success.

The entries in the Two and Three Year Old Classes last year exceeded all expectations, in fact, they were so large that it was found necessary to start each of these classes in two separate sections, which with the addition of the Four Year Old Stake made five classes to be raced in the one afternoon, which was, indeed, a full afternoon's racing, and I think we are safe in stating one of the most interesting meetings from a spectators stand point held in the Province last season.

In the Two Year Old Class we had twenty-six nominations, twenty four of which paid the second payment, twenty the third and thirteen the starting fee. The Three Year Old Class had twenty-one nominations, twenty of which made the second payment, nineteen the third, and fourteen paid the starting fee. The Four Year Old Stake had eleven nominations, ten of which paid the third payment and six the starting fee. The highest offer for the attraction was received from the Charlottetown Exhibition Association, namely \$400, which offer was accepted at a meeting of the Directors, said amount of \$400 to be divided equally between the stakes, this with \$832 received from an raffle purse amounted to \$1032 which was the total of the purses raced for on Wednesday the 25th day of September.

The following is a summary of the different classes. Two Year Old Stake—Purse \$412
Even horses started divided in two sections, pacers and trotters in separate divisions, the former having six starters and the latter five, purse divided according to starters.

First Division
Guy Ann 1 1 1
Miss Victoria 2 2 2
Hi-Sox 3 3 4
Jockie Vole 5 6 3
Queen Helen 4 4 5
L. C. Boyle 10 6 5
Blair Andrew 6 5 6

Considering the above list of entries for the different stakes we think that you will all agree that the prospects for 1936 are the least, very encouraging, and we can again look forward to one of the most interesting meets of the season when the colts for the Futurity Stakes faces the Starter this year. Respectfully submitted, GEO. A. CALLBECK, President, F. J. E. WRIGHT, Secretary.

Second Division
Ducky Kalmuck 0 1 1
Miss Belle Aubrey 0 5 3
Guy Gombro 4 2 5
Guy Todd 4 5 4
Time—2:24, 2:27, 2:28. The winning owner in the pacing section was Mr. George Callbeck, Summerside.

Three Year Old Stake—Purse \$376
Ten horses starting in this class which was also divided, five starters in each section, trotters and pacers divided. First Division (Pacers)
Leta Kalmuck 1 1 1
Belfast 2 2 2
Holy Britton 3 3 3
Donna Watson 5 3 4
May Cope 4 5 5
Time—2:21 1-2, 2:24, 2:22 1-2.

Second Division (Trotters)
Bud Aubrey 1 1 1
June Wortley 1 2 2
Bonnie Britton 5 3 3
Temple Kalmuck 3 5 4
Royal Britton 4 4 5
Time—2:22, 2:23 1-2, 2:26. The winning owner in the Pacing Section was Mr. Willard Kelly of Charlottetown and in the trotting section Mr. Thomas Rogers, Charlottetown.

Four Year Old Stake—Purse \$244
Five horses started:
Paddy Aubrey 1 1 1
Bud Cope 2 2 3
Balbo 3 3 2
Rosebud 4 5 4
Ima See 5 4 5
Time—2:19 1-2, 2:17 1-3, 2:17. Mr. Harry O'Brien of Alberton, L-4930-5-30-31.

Annual Meeting
The Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of Charlottetown Forum Ltd., will be held in Board of Trade Rooms Wednesday, May 27th at 8 P. M. H. S. HENDERSON, Secretary.

BRINGING UP FATHER



—By George McManus