

DOWN THE BACK STRETCH



Harness horse yearlings are still climbing in the sales in the United States. This year showed an increase of 18 per cent over last year. The auctions at Harrisburg, Delaware and Lexington brought a total of \$2,319,100 for 788 trotting and pacing yearlings. Last year the same number of yearlings brought only \$1,930,078. The average price in 1955 was \$2,943 compared to \$2,495 the previous year. Nine yearlings sold for more than \$30,000 each at the 1955 auctions. Five of them for a total of \$190,000 were sired by Hoot Mon of the Hanover Shoe Farms at Hanover, Pa.

One of the reasons for Hoot Mon's bringing such high prices is that no less than 11 3-year-olds by him trotted in 2.10 or better last year and his get take to the trot instinctively. Hoot Mon's highest priced offspring were Hodge Hanover, \$45,000; B on D Hanover, \$45,000; Resaling Frost, \$35,000 full sister to Scott Frost; Monty Hanover, \$34,000 and Larkin Hanover, \$31,000. The top price of the season was \$55,000 paid for Junior Executive by the Allwood Stable of Far Hills, N.J. Junior Executive was sired by Bill Gallon and came from the consignment of the Hempt Farm at Camp Hill, Pa.

Lexington, where 288 yearlings were sold, showed the best price average — \$3,315. At Harrisburg 414 head averaged \$2,964. Delaware averaged \$1,496 for 86 head. It is not always the high priced yearlings that make a big top. Gracie Hanover, that Dick Logue of Sydney bought for in the vicinity of \$2,000, set up a world's record of 2.05 3/5 for a trotting filly on a half-mile track in 1955 and Egyptian Princess, a 2-year-old filly that Woolworth Bros., of Winthrop, Maine, bought for very little more than \$2,000, also set up a world's record for trotting fillies on a mile track—2:02.

There are many instances such as the pacing filly Belle Acton, that set up a world's record on the pace last year, was bought for under \$2,000 by Billy Houghton for a patron. But as a rule the high priced ones have the advantage of being brothers or sisters of trotters or pacers that raced exceptionally well and the old saying, blood tells, counts with the bidder.

FROM WOODSTOCK

We acknowledge with thanks to Colonel J. R. Calkin the following harness horse news from Woodstock. . . . There are still plenty of horses in our Woodstock district and we hope we aren't overlooking any in the following report. On the Island the largest stable is that of our new owner Wilfred Price, who broke into the game in 1955 with a small, but very select roster which he has gradually increased to eight head, in charge of the very capable Bert Harper.

They are the veteran Pure Gold 2:07 3/5, Lesabel 2:13, after a successful 3-year-old campaign; Diana Dale 2:15 being brought back into training after raising a couple of good looking colts; Lesabel 2:19, Loladale, also the dam of three good colts including Belle Banks 2:13 and Lesabel 2:13; the newly acquired Diamond Chief, a 6-year-old stallion; the green Morning Belle from the Birmingham sale this fall and the attractive yearling filly already broken, Dudie Hal. Also on the Island is the Bob Brown stable consisting of his own Skelter 2:08 1/5, who raced so consistently both at Fredericton and Quebec; his new pacer Johnny Jester 2:09 and the veteran Chris McElwyn 2:12 3/5, now owned by the partners Tom Everett and Delmar Dunham.

Trainer Clayton Killam has Higginwood H. 2:12 and My Clegg 2:19 for Byron Dobson of Moncton; Guy Tucker, 2:11 2/5 who was a bit of a problem horse when Clayton got him, but who raced very successfully in his stable, taking his present record in a win race this past season. He is owned by Bev Milton of Moncton who is sending a new green one named Chico Vivian, 2:13; Belle 2:19, owned by Seldon Brothers of Boston and a Jolity yearling for Weldon Flemming of Juniper. Jim Smyth has Sunny Maid and Bay State Joe 2:10 3/5 for Jack Mehan of St. Stephen and the veteran Free Spirit 2:05 2/5 for Fred Violette of Edmundston.

Uptown in the home barn President Bob Hamilton has his own Victory Bell 2:15 2/5 and Bob's

Dan; for Jack Fraser he has Prince Abner to whom he gave a 4-year-old record this year of 2:15, the yearling Fraser Hal and Highland Hal, a yearling, all three from the Fraser matron May Budlong 2:10; and for Hillview Farms he has the promising 2-year-old filly Hal's Gal.

Also uptown is the Henry De Witt stable in charge of the dependable Walter Bustard, consisting of Dominion's Pride 2:07 4/5, Brighton 2:11 1/5, the green John Jolity and Ina Belle purchased at the Birmingham sale this fall. At his own farm across in Northampton Clifford Cluff is wintering three head, his Susie Spirit 2:18 1/5 who performed so consistently for him this past season, and Mighty Grand for brother Walter Cluff, President of Moncton Raceway.

Cluff is also wintering the brood mare Edna Anderson who is in foal to Free Spirit and who is owned by Gerald Hunter of Sackney. Charlie MacFarlane is wintering his own trotter Ken Tass 2:09 4/5. Fulton Smith has Leland's Pride, and the attractive well bred weanling Abbe Hal, Lorne Britton of Hartland is wintering his two mares Connie Clegg 2:16 and Miss Callie G. and their three good looking colts.

The Valley Farm Stable located at Barry Park Farm, East Florenceville, is wintering some very interesting stock consisting of Ola Budlong 2:10 and her two good colts, Hal's Man and Ola Hal, Miss Lady Mae and her two daughters, the yearling weanling by Mighty Bold 2:07 2/5. This stable has also recently acquired Loladale's weanling, full sister to Lesabel 2:13 and Hal's Gal. . . . Earle and Mrs. Avery are spending the Christmas season with their sons Bob and Blair and their families. Earle looking very fit after his strenuous season which was so successful, is receiving a real welcome from his many Woodstock and Carleton County friends.

TWO MINUTES

Jim Harrison, publicity director of the U.S.T.A., in a despatch from Columbus, Ohio, has the following: Thirty-four trotters and pacers posted 61 miles in two minutes or faster in 1955, the U.S. Trotting Association reported today. Adios Harry, 4-year-old pacer owned by J. Howard Lyons of Greenwood, Del., led the way with six. The two-minute mile recognized yardstick of harness racing excellence, was achieved by five trotters and 20 pacers. Less than one-half of one per cent of the harness racing population gain access to the two-minute list. In addition to collecting the quantity title, Adios Harry was also tops for quality.

Included among his performers were miles in 1:55, 1:55 2/5, 1:56 1/5 and 1:57 at Vernon (N.Y.) Downs, all of which bettered the previous pacing race record of 1:57 4/5. The 1:55 mile equalled Billy Direct's all time mark established in a time trial in 1935. Adios Harry posted his other two (1:59 2/5 and 2:00) miles at Roosevelt Raceway, a half mile track. In all, five horses connected six times over half mile tracks. It marked the first time that more than two such miles were recorded in a single season.

Harness Horse of the Year Scott Frost led the trotting parade with three. All were in races. No other 3-year-old trotter has ever had more than one two-minute race mile in one season. Scott Frost shared the trotting speed title with the 4-year-old trotter Prince Victor, owned by Samuel Huttenbauer of Cincinnati. Both connected in 1:59 2/5. Ranking second to Adios Harry numerically was the pacer Times Square, owned by Edward Kirk of Washington, C. H., Ohio. The son of Victory Song had five. Harness racing's two-minute list was inaugurated in 1898. It contains the names of 296 Standardbreds, 216 pacers and 80 trotters. There were 23 additions in 1955, four trotters and 19 pacers.

TOWARD NIGHT RACING

The U. S. Trotting Association today reported an apparent trend toward night harness racing at county fairs throughout the country. In reviewing 1955 racing figures, the USTA noted that night racing was in vogue at 74 county fairs this year, as against 56 in 1954. Harness racing staged (Continued on Page 11)

St. Laurent Out For Three Weeks

MONTREAL (CP) — Dollard St. Laurent, Montreal Canadiens defenceman who suffered a fractured lower left jaw Thursday night, may be able to return to his post in three weeks.

It was at first feared he would be out of action for a month to six weeks. A revised estimate of the duration of his absence was given by the National Hockey League club's management Friday following further examination of the injury.

St. Laurent collided with Red Kelly of Detroit Red Wings in the third period of the game, won by Detroit 5-2.

Meanwhile, the injury-harried Canadiens pondered on a replacement. He most likely will come from Montreal Royals of the Quebec Hockey League. The team played in Trois-Rivieres Friday

and no decision will be made today but the most likely choices are Walter Cluff or Jacques Deslauriers, both right-defencemen.

ROOKIES TO PLAY

Two other recent call-ups from farm ranks will play again tonight when Canadiens meet Chicago Black Hawks here. They are centre Connie Broden and defenceman Bob Turner, both from Shawinigan Falls Cataracts of the QHL.

Broden will again replace rookie centre Henri Pocket Rocket Richard, who is not expected to be sufficiently recovered from ankle and knee injuries until the Jan. 4 game here against Boston Bruins. Turner probably will remain with Canadiens until all-star defenceman Doug Harvey returns. Harvey is out with a bone fracture in his right hand. He may get back for the Jan. 11 game in New York.

Norris To Promote In New York Despite War

NEW YORK (AP)—Jim Norris, president of the International Boxing Club, announced Friday the IBC would continue to promote fights in New York despite the "war" between the state athletic commission and the New York chapter of the Boxing Managers Guild.

Asked whether he intended to use non-guild fighters, Norris replied: "I intend to stay in New York. If it means drastic moves we intend to make these drastic moves. We intend to do everything in our power to fulfill our commitments."

He said he had arranged a fight in Syracuse for Jan. 20 between George Fulmer, West Jordan, Utah, middleweight contender, and Gil Turner of Philadelphia.

Julius Helfand, chairman of the New York Athletic Commission, has ruled that effective Jan. 16 his managers operating in New York state must have their connections with the Boxing Guild of New York or lose their licenses.

Curling Draw This Afternoon

Curling Draw for this afternoon at the local club:

Presidents Prizes 2 P. M.

Ice 1 — E. K. MacNutt, A. Wellener, J. T. Whitlock, Geo. Kays vs. C. MacLean, Don MacIntyre, G. Wellener, J. MacKenna.

Ice 2 — Ralph Jones, Hon. M. McGuigan, M. Reeves, R. Mallory vs. Harper MacNeill, Gil Henry, G. Scantelbury, G. Bennett.

Hoop Meeting At PWC Today

A meeting of representatives from all teams in the City Basketball League together with the league executive will be held this afternoon at 2 p.m. at P.W.C.

The Aces, Nomads, Trotters, P.W.C. and the Saints second squad are the teams comprising the league which it is hoped will begin operations on Monday night with either the first game of the schedule or an exhibition contest.

At the meeting today a schedule will be drawn up and the various rules and regulations governing the league will be ironed out.

Rifle Scores

In the weekly rifle shoot held at the York Rifle Club on January 4th, Irene Hardy led all shooters with a score of 98. Marjorie Lewis and Elizabeth Watts were next high of the ladies' with a score of 91.

Second in the overall shoot and topping the men were Raymond Vessey, Lloyd Vessey and W. L. Crockett with scores of 97.

The following are the scores:

Irene Hardy	98
Raymond Vessey	97
Lloyd Vessey	97
W. L. Crockett	97
H. T. Vessey	96
George Andrews	96
Utey Birt	96
Dewar Swan	96
Louis Vessey	96
Cecil Watts	94
Edison Watts	94
Jack Andrews	93
Howard Watts	93
Myron Ling	93
Harold Taylor	92
Arthur Brown	92
Elizabeth Watts	92
Marjorie Lewis	91
A. J. Cluney	90
Leigh Vessey	90
Bonnie Ling	90
Frank Vessey	90
Hazel Vessey	90
Betty Andrews	90
Joyce Ling	87
Harry Walton	87
Donald Crockett	87
George Proud	86
Leith Dover	85
Wendall Brown	84
Erna Watts	84
Stuart Vessey	80
Irving Vessey	80
Alan Brown	80
Willard Murray	80
Lowell Watts	80
Frank Watts	80
Laken Lewis	80

OSI) (CP)—Because extraction of remaining ore is too costly, the Norwegian parliament has reluctantly decided to close down the Kongsberg silver works. Started in 1623, the mine has yielded more than 2,866,000 pounds of silver. The remaining employees will be pensioned or found other jobs.

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SPORTS

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Primroses-Flyers Meet At Montague Tonight

Hockey fans in Montague and surrounding area will be given their first opportunity of the season to watch their Primroses in action in an Island Senior "B" League game when the Parkdale Flyers travel to that eastern township to cross sticks with the Primroses tonight.

The Primroses who started the season with a rush winning their first three games ran into some heavy seas in their last two contests and were beaten by the B. Y. C. and the Flyers. However Primrose coach Warren MacRae believes he has his team back on an even keel again and is quite confident of taking the measure of the Flyers tonight.

The Primroses are currently in second place in the standings and a win for them tonight will cause a three-way deadlock for the top spot with the B.Y.C. and the Flyers.

The Flyers started the season with only moderate success, but after dropping a close 7-6 decision to the B.Y.C. the Parkdale

team defeated the Aces twice and the Primroses once.

The Flyers will go into tonight's game minus the services of one of their star players. Buddy Clark who has been a tower of strength for Parkdale since he joined them for their second game, is leaving today to join the R.C.A.F. Buddy has been centering the highest scoring forward line in the league. Clark, Allie and Skip Carver have accounted for 27 of Parkdale's goals and together with 19 assists have racked up a total of 46 points in 7 games.

The Primroses were slated to play last night in Summerside. However many power lines in the western capital were down out of commission and the game had to be cancelled.

Also as a curtain raiser on tonight's program the Georgetown Bantams will take on the Montague Bantams in a game starting at 7 p.m.

The Senior game will start at 9 p.m. sharp.

Smog Interferes With British Football Games

(By Ken Metheral, Canadian Press Staff Writer)

LONDON, (CP) — Four non-league clubs kept an eye on the weather Friday night as they waited for today's third round of the Football Association Cup.

The four—Bosuton United, Burton Albion, Bedford Town and Workson Town—are the survivors of 360 non-league teams which last fall began elimination rounds for the annual knockout competition which ends with the cup final at London's Wembley Stadium May 10.

First and second division English League teams, exempt from competition so far, enter the FA Cup play today.

Main worry of the non-leaguers, in addition to the fact that they have some powerful opposition, is the grey, murky fog that has shrouded much of England for the last 48 hours. Should the fog force postponement of the games or keep the fans away, it would be a financial loss to the four little teams.

An FA spokesman said the games will probably be played unless fog conditions become worse.

Volleyball Meet This Afternoon

There will be a meeting of the executive of the City Volleyball League at the Y.M.C.A. this afternoon at 2 p.m.

Graham Makes AP All-Stars

Sixth Time

NEW YORK (AP)—Quarterback Otto Graham, who came out of retirement to lead Cleveland Browns to the National Football League championship, has been named to the Associated Press professional all-star team for the sixth time.

Graham, with 28 votes of the 40 cast in the annual voting, and Alan Ameche, a sm a s h i n g Baltimore Colts fullback, led in the balloting among players on the 12 U. S. pro teams.

Ameche, former University of Wisconsin star, received 26 votes and became the only rookie on the 22-man, two-platoon all-star team. He led the NFL in his freshman year with 961 yards gained rushing.

Cleveland, which defeated Los Angeles Rams for the championship Dec. 26, placed three men on

the squad, as did the Rams. STAR OF FINAL.

Graham, who returned to the Browns for one final year after retiring, was the individual star of the pro final. Other Browns on the team are tackle Lou The Toe Groza and centre Frank Gatski of the offensive squad.

Los Angeles has guard Duane Putnam on the offensive squad and end Andy Robustelli and halfback Will Sherman on the defensive team.

Chicago Bears, who lost out in the western conference race to Los Angeles by half a game, placed four players on the squad, three in offence and one defender, Bill George, middle guard. The others were end Harlon Hill, tackle Bill Wightkin, and guard Stan Jones, completing the offensive were end Pete Pihos, Philadelphia Eagles; halfback Ollie Matson, Chicago Cardinals; and halfback Frank Gifford, New York Giants.

Others on the defensive platoon are end Gene Brito, Washington Redskins; tackle Art Donovan, Baltimore; tackle Bob Toney, San Francisco 49ers; linebackers Roger Zatkoff, Green Bay Packers; and Joe Schmidt, Detroit Lions; halfback Bobby Dillon, Packers; and safeties, Jack Christiansen, Lions, and Emlien Tunnell, Giants.

Mixed Curling Draw Tonight

The following is the mixed curling draw for tonight at the Charlottetown Curling Club:

7 P. M.

Ice 1 — A. MacDonald (skip) G. MacKay, R. LeClair, N. Blakeny vs. F. Hobbs (skip), M. Stewart, H. Dobson, J. MacKendrick.

Ice 2 — E. MacLennan (skip), J. MacLean, E. Anderson, E. Goss, vs. R. Parker (skip), O. MacDonald, S. Carson.

Ice 3 — D. Wonnacott (skip), C. MacLeod, D. George, F. MacLean, vs. W. MacLaine (skip), J. MacLellan, G. Anderson, E. Goss.

Ice 4 — A. MacLeod (skip), H. Taylor, L. Blakeny, S. MacMillan vs. A. Tait (skip), A. Wood, S. Willis, M. Tait, E. Wood (spare).

8:30 P. M.

Ice 1 — A. Roper (skip), A. Mahar, W. Robinson, M. Worth vs. W. MacNeill (skip), K. Johnston, G. MacKenzie, B. Greenough.

Ice 2 — J. Burden (skip), M. MacNeill, J. Simmons, V. Simmons vs. W. MacDonald (skip), B. Roper, F. Cannon, M. Cannon.

Ice 3 — W. Worth (skip), P. Burden, L. Burnett, A. Burnett vs. R. Jones (skip), H. MacKenzie, D. Hill, M. Jones.

Ice 4 — A. Likely (skip), B. Howatt, W. Beer, R. Hill vs. G. Greenough (skip), E. MacDonald, M. Bell, J. Beer.

Spare — H. Likely, G. Stewart, M. Stewart, S. Rodd, W. Rodd.

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On Thursday night of this week a group of Game Association members filled 275 bags of grain for distribution if a freeze sets in before the thaw has fulfilled its purpose to our liking.

It probably has, as regards ensuring a water supply for next summer, as the swamps are filled to overflowing. Nevertheless, if the ground is frozen solid a lot of water will run off without being absorbed by the earth.

The bags of grain filled by sportsmen this week is a fitting gesture, but it will be our farmers and their families who will save the Huns and pheasants if a real old time winter continues. Pheasants will resort to budding on trees and thorn hedges when the (Continued on Page 11)

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Cape John L. Read and the former was one of the best trotters in the Eastern United States prior to coming here, while the J. Malcolm Forbes family was noted for prolific and early speed. A large number of his get took records as yearlings. We hope that Clover Boy will live up to his excellent ancestry and give his owner many happy hours in the future.