

Back Stretch

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horse had a little too much brush at the end and won in 2:09 3/5, 2:09 3/5—excellent time for the cool evening. Other summaries...

The two top drivers at Truro Raceway this season were Clayton MacLeod and Johnny Conroy. They received the M. M. Johnson awards for first and second respectively...

Joe O'Brien pulled off a splendid win at the Wolverine Raceway, Detroit, since the Lexington meet ended by landing Scotch Victor 1-1 in the Matron Stake for three-year-old trotters with a purse of \$12,000.78...

Another great stake raced at that meeting was the Matron Stake for three-year-old pacers with a purse of \$7,717. It was won by Meadow Rice, by The Widower, dam, Maggie Counsel by Chief Counsel, driven by Del Miller...

An important sale was made last week when Lawrence B. Sheppard of the Hanover Shoe Farms, Hanover, Pa. sold the three-year-old stallion Hit Song 2:01 2/5 and the three-year-old stallion Saint Clair 3, 2:04 3/5 to Edward Towne...

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2:01 by Dillon Axworthy. He is six years old and has earned a total of \$33,845.

It must have taken a lot of money to induce Mr. Sheppard to sell Hit Song, mainly because he is the last foal of Even Song, but his farm has been paying out enormous prices for stallions and of course there must be receipts coming in to balance these outlays.

The Widower 1:59 1/2, is in the stud at William B. Murray's farm in Ohio and it was Mr. Murray who made the deal which brought him \$200,000 for that farm some years ago and he returned the two-year-old Linn Mite as part of the deal. Linn Mite acquired a very creditable record with Willard Kelly and was sold to parties in Maine where she lowered it to 2:07.

Since last week we notice where Kay Budlong won another 2:22 pace at Saratoga Raceway, N. Y., time, 2:14.

Years ago Calumet Fingo 2, 2:04 was in the stud in New Brunswick and was purchased by C. T. Black to head Pleasantdale Farm in Virginia. Many thought that Mr. Black would be in for a considerable disappointment, but things have turned out differently. The Calumet Fingo's are winning all along the line and at Saratoga wind up meeting Lucky Fingo, a four-year-old owned by the Sturdy Stables of Syracuse, won and took a record of 2:05 1/5—fast time over a half-mile track. He is but one of many that are making the Pleasantdale sire a popular one with horsemen in the United States.

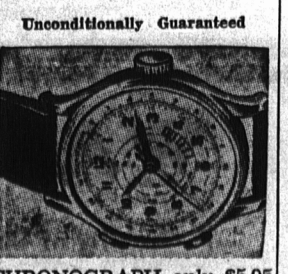
A horse that is being featured very much in the United States because from a small crop of foals he has produced some top notch trotters and pacers is Portlight 3, 2:10 1/2. Portlight was formerly owned by W. G. Stewart, New Glasgow, N. S. Another sire that Mr. Stewart sired is Alpha Hat by Hal Dale, dam Orpha, by Volomite. He is now considered the top sire of two and three-year-old pacers in Ontario. Great credit must be given to our genial friend Bill for the excellent selections he made and the splendid support he gave harness racing in the years he was engaged in it. His stable was always a big feature of the race meetings at the Charlottetown track.

At last report Billy Haughton and Levi Harner, a youngster and a veteran, were leading the harness horse drivers of America in the money and race winning categories. According to latest figures compiled by the U. S. Trotting Association with a few weeks of the season remaining, Harner, who is 28 and hails from Fultonville, N. Y., had earned \$260,616. Jimmy Jordan, Auburn, Maine, was in second place with winnings of \$208,014. Frank Ervin, Sedalia, Mo., \$196,258. Joe O'Brien, Prince Edward Island, \$192,751 and Clint Hodgins, Clandeboye, Ont., \$191,144. These are the top five. Among the top race winners Levi Harner of Bloomsburg, Pa., led the way with 106 wins, Billy Haughton and W. N. McMillen, London, Ohio, were tied for second with 92 apiece. Johnny Simpson of Hanover, Pa., who was the champion in both divisions last season, ranks ninth in the money winning department with \$163,299 and was not among the top ten race winners. Last January Johnny gave up racing a public stable and signed on as race driver for Hanover Shoe Farms which limits his money winning capacity.

The following is from Jimmie Harrison, U.S.T.A., Columbus, Ohio... The market for harness horse yearlings is apparently at an all time high and record prices and averages can be expected at sales still to be conducted at Harrisburg, Pa. and Indianapolis. Veteran turf and auction ring observers reached that conclusion this week after studying returns from the annual Lexington, Ky. sale which showed 288 yearlings going for \$987,750, an average of \$3,465. Disposal of an additional 112 head of racing stock and brood mares for \$110,100 brought the overall total to \$1,097,850, the first million dollar Standard Bred sale in Lexington, Ky.

The Indianapolis sale is slated for October 28th to 30th. The Harrisburg sale which has topped the million dollar mark on a number of occasions, will be held the week of November 10th. Two and three-year-old trotting and pacing fillies raced for a record-shattering \$387,808 in 1952, the U. S. Trotting Association has announced. Previously the high for fillies was \$186,000 last year.

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Hunter's Corner

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survivor remained in the area all winter but disappeared when spring was well advanced. The poachers came to the district in a car and were not residents of the 'Cove'.

The tempo of the goose flight has stepped up within the past week and quite a few nimbros are lugging home goose dinners. I have talked to a number of the lucky hunters and as a rule the geese are in good flesh albeit the majority of the birds bagged are goslings. Local hunters are very much divided on the Hun question. Possibly largely responsible for the big jump was the new series of breeders' filly stakes raced at six Grand Circuit meetings. A total of \$185,135 was distributed in these events.

Match Race Assured For Pimlico Special

BALTIMORE, Oct. 24 (AP)—A match race, fifth in the history of the famous Pimlico their opinions are reached according to the luck they have had on their hunts. Today (Thursday) I talked to a local medical doctor who is the owner of a first class Britany spaniel. He hunts on every occasion when he has any time to spare and informed me that this season to date his Britany had started 52 coveys of Huns. He claims that the birds are here but one has to go after them... they'll most certainly not come to the hunter.

Special, was assured Thursday when only General Staff and One Hitter were entered officially for Saturday's \$25,000 winner-take-all classic. The snooty special is by invitation only, and the 1 3-16 mile event is being raced for the 16th time at ancient Pimlico. One Hitter is from the Green-tree stable of John Hay (Jock) Whitney and his sister, Mrs. Charles Shipman Payson, and the six-year-old son of Shutout-Bold Anna will be seeking his second victory in the Special. One Hitter won it in 1950, and a triumph over General Staff would make him only the second horse to take the race twice. The most famous two horse special was 1938, the notable meeting in which Seabiscuit defeated War Admiral, winner of the inaugural Special in 1937. Due to the small field, there will be no betting. General Staff and One Hitter

have met once before, in the Naragansett Special Sept. 13, with General Staff the winner. However, the four-year-old son of Mahmoud-Uvira II packed only 111 pounds, compared with 120 on One Hitter. Both must carry 126 pounds under the weight-for-age conditions of the Special. One Hitter, to be ridden by Ted Atkinson, can move into the charmed company of performers who have earned \$300,000 or more during their career if he drags down the \$25,000 pot Saturday. One Hitter, whose sire, Shut Out, won the Special in 1943, has earned \$284,175. MANCHESTER, England (CP)—Police sergeant Charles Johnson received an inquiry from the Ministry of Labor as to why his son has not registered for national service. The answer is that his son died twelve years ago at the age of six.

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