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**Sporting News****CLOSE OF GRAND CIRCUIT DRAWS MUCH NEARER**

Next Week at Atlanta Will See Close of "Raging Grand" for 1917—Interesting Items.

Boston, Oct. 8. — The campaign of the Grand Circuit horses is waning, for with the four days remaining for the Kentucky trots and the week at Atlanta passes about all of the racing over the mile tracks this year.

The Lexington meeting is furnishing the sensational racing that was expected and into the nine days that are to come before the break for winter quarters there will be crowded a lot of worth-while sport. The famous Lexington classics have been decided, but this week's card contains highly interesting events because of the manner of their disposition.

The Real Lady and Miss Bertha Dillon do not meet, which is a pity, for every follower of racing would like to have them clash once more, but the Pennsylvania champion has a valuable engagement in the Dinner Stakes tomorrow. She takes on Harvest Gale, a young trotter who is being rather overlooked as the limelight falls on The Real Lady and Miss Bertha.

**Some Good Ones.**

The Dinner Stakes is one of those sporty affairs in which the entire purse is contributed by the owners. This is the third renewal, the past winners, Colorado Belle and Michaelowa, both having shown the racing silk of Miss Bertha's owner, Alex. B. Cox.

Tomorrow's race is worth \$3,000 to the winner and the time will be many seconds better than in either 1916 or 1915. The daughter of Dillon Axworthy should win, but she will have to be on her good behavior and in top form to lead Harvest Gale home.

Mabel Trask and St. Frisco meet in the Castleton Cup this afternoon and Cox hopes to repeat, as he won it last year with the wonderful chestnut mare.

Early Dreams is named, but after the ten heats he put in last week, McDonald is not apt to ask him to race out of his class. The race is on the two-in-three system, and with favoring weather conditions a very fast mile is looked for.

**Chance Close to 2.05.**

The four-year-old section of the Kentucky Futurity, an event which carries a \$3,000 prize to the winner, also comes today. The battle looks to be between Sydine and Michaelowa with a chance for a mile close to 2.05, which is quite a bit faster than the four-year-old trotters have raced to date this season.

There should be some large fields in the Blue Grass this week, as 34 horses are named in the 2.10 pace and 31 in the 2.08 trot. One of the trotters is the three-year-old Bertha McGuire, who has twice raced miles faster than 2.05 and yet could land nothing better than third money.

**DUNDEE BEATEN BY PATSY CLINE**

New York, Oct. — Patsy Cline out-fought Johnny Dundee in a ten-round match here tonight. Dundee weighed 130½ pounds and Cline 137. The fighting was fast all the way through, but Cline had the better of seven of the ten rounds.

**HOOF PRINTS.**

Jay Mack, 2.05¼.  
Harvey K., 2.05¼.  
Gentry C., 2.08½.  
Baxter Lou, 2.03½.  
Pat Carmody, 2.07½.  
Nella Dillon, 2.06¼.  
Tommy Direct, 2.06¼.  
Miss Harris M., 2.00¾.  
The Real Lady, 2.03¾.  
Little Batic, 2.05¾.  
George E. Hutton, 2.06¾.  
Mary Roslind Parr, 2.05¼.

Another first for Koroni.

It was a real old fashioned Transylvanian.  
William raced out of luck at Lexington.

The season in Maine closes this week at Topsham.

Atlanta has a much better entry than a year ago.

Pity Brockton could not have had fair weather.

Readville, Louisville and Toledo are Grand Circuit candidates.

James Gilligan won two races at Fitchburg with Hail Bingen.

Dr. C. G. Folkins of Stanley, is registered at the Queen.

**LEXINGTON HAD FOUR GOOD RACES TUESDAY**

Bacelli Won 2.08 Trot in Six Heats—Miss Bertha Dillon Won \$5,000 Dinner Stakes.

Lexington, Oct. — Four good races were decided at the Grand Circuit meeting here today, the 2.08 trot won by Bacelli, being the most hotly contested and decidedly the best race on the card. It took six heats for Bacelli to win, but in so doing the world's record for a six-heat race, made last week by Ima Jay in the Transylvania, was broken. The 2.06 pace also took six heats before Helen Chimes was proclaimed the winner. The \$5,000 Dinner Stakes and \$2,000 Cumberland were easy for Miss Bertha Dillon and Little Frank D., respectively.

A. B. Cox won the second of the sweepstakes for wealthy breeders, trotted here annually, when Miss Bertha Dillon won the \$5,000 Dinner Stakes. His two-year-old Nella Dillon won the Breeders' Stake, valued at \$6,000, for two-year-olds last Saturday. Little Frank D. was a handy winner of the 2.05 Cumberland event. The Savoy, from the Cox stable, was his main contender.

**The summary:**

2.08 Trot, 3 in 5, \$1,000.  
Bacelli, bh, by Bingara  
(White) . . . . . 9 10 2 1 1 1  
Ross B., bg, by Petronius  
(Wright) . . . . . 1 1 3 6 3 2  
Peter Chenault, Lettie Lee, Harry J. S., Brescia, Binville, Charley Rex, Daisy Todd Spriggin, Straightsail and Miss Woodbine also started.

Time, 2.05¼, 2.05½, 2.05¾, 2.07, 2.06¾, 2.10½.

2.06 Pace 3 in 5, \$1,000 (Six Heats).  
Helen Chimes, brn, by The

Magnet (Owen) . . . . . 5 1 3 4 1 1  
Young Todd, bg, by Director

Todd (Cox) . . . . . 1 5 2 1 3 2  
Peter Nash, Barlight and Colonel

Armstrong also started.

Time, 2.05¼, 2.04¾, 2.04½, 2.06¾, 2.06¼, 2.04¾.

The Dinner Stakes, Special Sweepstakes for 3-Year-Old Trotters —

2 to 3, \$5,000.  
Miss Bertha Dillon, chf, by Dillon Axworthy (Serrell) . . . . . 1

Harvest Gale, bf, by The Harvester (Cox) . . . . . 2 2

Tacita, chf, by Atlantic Express (Fleming) . . . . . 3

Time, 2.07¼, 2.06¾.

Cumberland 2.05 Pace, 2 in 3, \$2,000.

Little Frank D., bg, by Little

Frank (Valentine) . . . . . 1 1

The Savoy, blk, (Cox) . . . . . 2 2

Peter Pointer, blk, (Snow) . . . . . 3 3

Adioo Guy, chh (Gray) . . . . . 5 4

Hal B., Jr., and Thomas Earl also started.

Time, 2.04¼, 2.05¾.

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