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## Sporting News

### BEN ALI WON DESHLER STAKE AT COLUMBUS

Heavy Rain Interfered With Grand Circuit Meet—Harvest Gale Won Buckeye Colt Trot.

Columbus, O., Aug. 8. — Ben Ali won the \$3,000 Deshler stake here to day, finishing just before a heavy rainstorm broke and stopped further racing.

One other event, the Buckeye colt trot, was completed, but the remaining heats of the 2.15 pace were postponed until Thursday with W. L. Snow's Peter G. having won the first mile of the event.

In the two victories neither horse was forced to drop a heat, in contrast to some of the stake classics of the other two days of the week. Harvest Gale won handily in the Buckeye colt trot for 3-year-olds, doing her first mile in 2.08 3/4, the fastest mile for this age of the year. The last half of this heat was stepped in 1.02 3/4, because Worthy Volo came with a rush in the stretch.

Ben Ali had to pace a 2.03 3/4 mile the third heat, which is equal to his record, because The Pointer Queen was up and doing at the bidding of Dick McMahon. The Pointer Queen led to the half in 1.01 1/2 and Ben Ali didn't make his drive until the three-quarter pole was reached. The New Jersey wriggler looked to have a 2.02 mile in him if called on to deliver it as he was far from all out.

Ben was a heavy favorite in the auctions, as was Harvest Gale in her event. Mary Coburn was drawn just before the race on account of slight illness, leaving only three starters in the colt trot. Peter G., favorite in the 2.15 pace, had the class of the party in the one heat finished. This race will be concluded as part of Thursday's programme when the free-for-all pace is a feature.

Soldiers in uniform were admitted free as guests of the management. Several thousand took advantage and brought their brass band and male quartette along as a musical feature. The summary:

Buckeye Colt Trot for 3-Year-Olds.  
Purse, \$1,000; Two in Three.

Harvest Gale, bm., by The Harvester (Cox) . . . . . 1 1  
Worthy Volo, etc. (McDonald) . . . 2 3  
Kelley Deforest, bc. (Murphy) . . . 3 2  
Time, 2.08 3/4, 2.11 1/4.

Deshler Stake, 2.10 Class, Pacing.  
Purse, \$3,000.

Ben Ali, bg., by Wealth (Pitman) 1 1  
Tommy Direct, bg. (McDonald) 2 2 3  
The Pointer Queen, bm. (McMahon) . . . . . 4 3 2  
Day Spring, brh. (Ray) . . . . . 3 5 5  
Oregon Hal, bh. (Murphy) . . . . 5 4 4  
Time, 2.04 3/4, 2.04 3/4, 2.03 3/4.

#### HOOF PRINTS.

The Cleveland railbirds were badly fooled in The Royal Knight.

Harry Brusie had his stars, Roan Hal and Koroni, in winning form last week.

Murphy's winnings will swell when the Futurity season arrives. The G and Circuit free-for-allers are not showing the wonderful speed of 1916.

Esperanza's 2.07 3/4, 2.08, 2.08 at Woodland, Cal., stand as the fastest three heats ever trotted over a half-mile track.

Lillian T., 2.02 3/4, had to step in 2.05 1/4 to win the first heat of the free-for-all over the Ottawa, Ill., twice around last week.

George M. Stevens sold Busy's Lassie for a modest figure when she was a 3-year-old on the advice of the Kentuckian who was then training her.

Stake trotters are bothersome property. Last winter the owners of Lucille Spier and Wilkes Brewer were considerably exercised over the possibility that the Grand Circuit would adopt a system that would put the stake winners in against Mabel Trask and St. Frisco. They were not afraid of the Cox and Geers cracks, but wanted the honor of winning all the way down the line. Now with the campaign in full swing these two men would like to have their highly touted steeds win even a heat, and the owner of Lucille has staken her away from Murphy.

John Farnum has owned about as many useful pacers as any one. Earl Jr., Argot Boy, Branham Baughman, The Bosun, Joe Pointer, but he considers Frank Dewey the best. Dewey, who was a double winner at Weymouth, is a son of John Dewey, 2.12 3/4, and Gracie Todd, 2.12 3/4. He was bred by John Groves.

Mrs. Tracey Fielding Storey of Groton, Conn., can trace her ancestry back to Chief Uncas.

### LARRY LAJOIE MAY RETURN TO BIG LEAGUES

His Batting in International League Has Attracted Attention—Has Average of .361.

New York, Aug. 9. — Speaking of the remarkable batting of the Toronto Leafs' famous manager, The New York Sun has this to say: "A solid and steady batting eye focused over any considerable span of years is something of a rarity in baseball. But when once a real slugging orb breaks into prominence quite a few campaigns are required to dim its brilliancy. Consider the case of Napoleon Lajoie, one-time idol of Cleveland American League team and general swat-smith extraordinary. It's more than twenty years ago now that the bludgeon of the hefty Frenchman began to attract big league attention. Larry, of course, is not with the majors any more, but he is still whaling the ball.

"Latest averages of hitters of the International League show that handsome Larry is larrupping the ball at the dizzy clip of .361. Duffy of Montreal is hitting .352 and leading the league. But Duffy has been at bat only 68 times, whereas Lajoie has played in full 94 games. League leading honors, therefore, belong to "Big Nap." And the heavy walloping of the Frenchman isn't escaping the scrutiny of the big league scouts, either.

"As early as a month ago it was common gossip that some two or three big league clubs are after Larry's services for next season. It is almost as sure as taxes that Larry will be back under the big tent."

### UMPIRE BATTER SUSPENDED

New York, Aug. 9. — Jack Dunn, manager of the Baltimore International League team, has been suspended indefinitely by President Barrow. Dunn is also the owner of the Orioles, and one of the best known men in baseball.

It appears that Dunn has been finding much fault with the International umpires lately. Last week he tackled one of these officials and subjected him to a torrent of abuse. Barrow received a report on this row and decided that the time had arrived for drastic action. So Barrow telegraphed the Baltimore club's owner and manager that he had been set down with no date fixed for his reinstatement.



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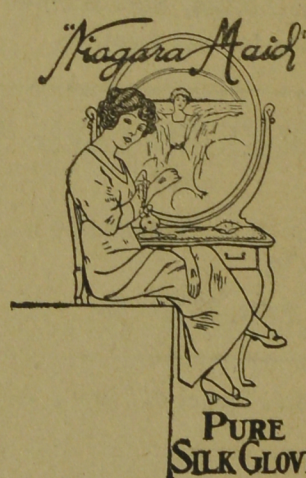
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