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Sporting News

POP GEERS WON HIS FIRST AT PHILADELPHIA

Piloted Peter June to Victory
in Two-Year-Old Trot—
Mabel Trask Won
from Rivals.

Philadelphia, Aug. 24. — The closing day of the Grand Circuit meet at Belmont Driving Park, Narberth, this afternoon was marked by a series of thrills.

To begin with, Mabel Trask, driven by Walter Cox, the New England reinsman, defeated St. Frisco and Zomrect in the free-for-all trot in straight heats. Each heat was so close that the judges found it difficult to name the winner.

Further to please the devotees of harness racing, "Pop" Geers, the veteran driver, managed to put across a winner since the meet began. He piloted Peter June to victory in the two-year-old trot, carried over from yesterday. Only one heat was run yesterday and Ruth Mainsheet was the winner of that.

Today, however, Peter June, under the skillful handling of Geers, won two straight heats without much trouble, taking the honors.

Mabel Trask's win today gave Cox a first place for every day of the meet, something that seldom happens on the Grand Circuit.

The summary:
Two-Year-Old Class, Trotting, Holtwood Farm Stake, Purse \$2,000.
Two in Three.

(One Heat Raced Thursday.)
Peter June, chg., by Peter the Great, dam by Bellini (Geers) 7 1 1

Ruth Mainsheet, brf., by Mainsheet (Murphy) 1 3 2
Nella Dillon, bc. (Serrill) 2 6 3
Traction, bc. (Cox) 4 2 4

Miriam, Holyrod Naomi, Evelyn Black and Forbes Robertson also started.

Time, 2:11, 2:11 1/2, 2:08 3/4.
2:23 Class, Trotting, Purse \$1,000.
Three in Five.

North Spur, bh., by San Francisco, dam Mary North (Cox) . . . 1 1 1
Rhodantha, chm., by Baron Gale (Murphy) 3 2 3

Lewis Winter, big. (McDonald) . . . 5 3 2
Peter Grim, bh. (Dodge) 4 4 4
Katherine Collette, Toddling and Lord Oliver also started.

Time, 2:12 3/4, 2:10 1/4, 2:11 1/2.
Free-for-All Class, Trotting, Purse \$2,000, Two in Three.

Mabel Trask, chm., by Peter the Great, dam by Nutwood (Cox) . . 1 1
St. Frisco, bh., by San Francisco, dam by Clarence S. (Geers) . . . 2 2
Zomrect, bh., by Zombro, dam by Direct (McDonald) 3 3

2:22 Class, Pacing, Purse \$1,000.
Three in Five.

Robert Gatewood, bh., by J. Malcolm Forbes, dam by Nuthurst (Geers) 1 1 1

Abbe Bond, bm., by The Abbe (Snow) 2 3 2
Jay Mack, chh. 3 2 3
Juno, bm. (Tupper) 1 ds

Time, 2:10 3/4, 2:08 3/4, 2:11 1/4.

PTOMAINE GETS TWO PLAYERS

Chicago, Aug. 23. — Eddie Foster and Clyde Milan of the Washington club are ill here with ptomaine poisoning. Foster was obliged to retire from a drill at the American League Grounds today. Milan was unable to leave the hotel earlier in the day.

COVINGTON TO JOIN BOSTON

Boston, Aug. 25. — Clarence Covington, an outfielder and first baseman, was yesterday purchased by the Braves from Little Rock of the Southern Association. Covington hits and throws left-handed. He will join Boston at the end of the minor league season.

PLAYER LIMIT RULE SUSPENDED

In the National League the rule regarding the 22-player limit will become inoperative after midnight on Thursday, and it will then be possible for any club to have under contract and to carry with it 35 players, and so try out new material.

NOT MUCH FIGHTING.

Petrograd, Aug. 24. — The Russian official statement issued today makes no mention of fighting in the Riga region, saying that on the Russian front there were only fusillades and scouting operations.

CARIBOU HAD FAST RACING LAST WEEK

Ada Todd Won 2.18 Mixed
Race in 2.15 1/4 — Bravos
Won 2.20 Mixed and
Arion Todd 2.35

Caribou, Aug. 24. — The races yesterday were grand exhibitions of horsemanship. The 2.35 class was an uncertain feature until the final heat. R. J. McKee was starter. The summary:

2:10 Stake, Mixed, Purse \$400.
Ada Todd, blm. (Briggs) 1 1 1
Dan Paine, bs. (Reed) 2 2 2

Martha De Forest, bm. (Milton) . . . 5 3 3
Pearl Bourbon, bg. (Doherty) 3 5 5
Maintime also started.

Time, 2:15 1/4, 2:18 1/4, 2:16 3/4.
2:20 Class, Mixed, Purse \$300.

Bravos, bg. (Reed) 1 1 1
Lady Carr, chm. (Smith) 2 2 2
Charley K. bm. (Gibbons) 3 3 4

Senorita C. blm. (McBurnie) 4 4 3
Time, 2:17 1/4, 2:17 1/4, 2:18 1/4.
2:35 Class, Mixed, Purse \$300.

Arion Todd, Jr. (Reed) 2 1 1
Glen C. (McDaniel) 1 5 5
Maccarin (Watson) 3 2 2

Hattie Golden (Stevens) 4 2 3
King Baron also started.

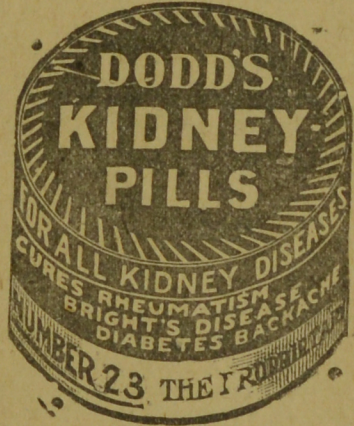
Time, 2:20 1/4, 2:20 1/4, 2:20 1/4, 2:20 1/4.

MANDOT BOXING INSTRUCTOR NOW

New Orleans, Aug. 23. — Joe Mandot has been named a boxing instructor of the United States Army. It is believed he will be sent to one of the Eastern camps by Sept. 1.

BUSH OUT FOR REST OF SEASON

Cleveland, O., Aug. 23. — Pitcher Joe Bush of the Philadelphia American League team has been suspended for the remainder of the 1917 season, fined the money he would have earned and sent back to Philadelphia by Manager Mack, it became known here today. Manager Mack and his star pitcher were the principals in bitter argument yesterday after Bush had been removed from the game in the fifth inning because the Cleveland players were hitting him hard.



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