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## Sporting News

### ALLERTON HEIR WON 2.18 TROT AT LEXINGTON

Two Horses Distanced—2.09 Pace and Phoenix Hotel Pace Unfinished on Account of Rain.

Lexington, Ky., Oct. 3. — Rain caused an early postponement of the trots today with but one race, the 2.18 trot, finished. The Phoenix Hotel for free-for-all pacers went over until tomorrow with William and Miss Harris each with a heat to their credit. William, on the pole, led away in the first heat and managed to stall off the stretch challenge of Miss Harris M. The time of this heat, 2.00½, equals the season's race record. Miss Harris M. won the second heat in 2.02½, laying the program over until tomorrow. The only race finished was the 2.18 trot, won by Allerton Heir in slow time.

Tomorrow's program will consist of the three unfinished races, the Phoenix Hotel, the 2.09 pace and 2.11 trot, which was not started this afternoon, the Transylvania and the 2.09 trot.

The summary:

2.18 Trot, 3 in 5, \$1,000.

Allerton Heir, brh, by Allerton (Halderman) . . . . . 1 1 1  
Gay Todd, blk, (Swearingen) . . . . . 2 2 2  
Davie Delmar, chg, (Merriman and Thomas) . . . . . 3 3 3  
Frederick the Great and Brook Cheshault were distanced.

Time, 2.14½, 2.12½, 2.12½.

### JOE BENZ GIVEN START BY PAPA

Pitcher Joe Benz of the White Sox says his father secured him his job with the Pale Hose. The Benz family live in Batesville, Ind., and the elder Benz is a butcher. When he was trying to teach the trade to Joe the boy was indifferent, preferring to play baseball. The father wrote to Comiskey, saying: "I am sending along at my expense, my son, who thinks he can play ball. I wish you would decide whether he is any good. If not, ship him back to me, and I will try to make a butcher out of him." "Commy" placed Benz in the bush for a time; but he came back in 1912 and has been with the Pale Hose since. That letter from Joe's dad is one of the Old Roman's treasures. He had it framed and it occupies a prominent place in the room of the Woodland Bards.

### HOOF PRINTS.

Charles H. Traiser has bought the 3-year-old trotter Vonja Guy, 2.17½, who has been winning over Pennsylvania twice arounds.

Looks like Lexington overlooked something worth while in not staging a Mabel Trask-St. Frisco race this week.

Walter Cox has another San Francisco crack on the way. His 2-year-old Truxton was timed in 2.07½ at Columbus.

J. D. Avery of Buckland, owner of the oxen which drew 4,460 pounds at the Greenfield fair, is a brother to Ed Lon McDonald, capable second trainer.

Roan Hal did not have to beat 2.11½ to win the \$2,500 purse at Trenton, while Joe Boy had to step in 2.09½ to land a \$500 event.

E. F. Goff of Hartford, has one of the season's good 2-year-old trotters in Miriam Guy, the daughter of Guy Axworthy, 2.08½. Fred Hyde lately marked in 2.09½.

Gossip has it that Canadian promoters will try running races at Rockingham Park next year. It is a pretty safe bet that there will be little more than the try.

That trotting race, owners to drive, at Brockton on Friday, should be worth going to see. The probable starters are Koroni, Jess Y., The Lincoln, Bronson, Bingola, M. L. J. and Director Todd.

Lon Newbert is trying to get the management at Brockton to put on a free-for-all pace, amateur drivers, some afternoon this week. The Weymouth man wants to send General Todd against Sayde Densmore, The Ideal Lady, Earl Jr. and B. M.

### DUNDEE SHADED BY TINDLER

Philadelphia, Oct. 1. — Lew Tindler of this city had a shade on Johnny Dundee, the Brooklyn bower, in six slashing rounds here tonight.

### COTTER WON FREE-FOR-ALL AT SYDNEY, N. S.

Straight Heats With Orwell Belle Second—Annie Laurie Won Three-Minute Class Easily.

Sydney, N. S., Oct. 3. — The exhibition races opened at the Sydney Park this afternoon with a good track and a large attendance. There was a long string of entries.

Tommy Cotter got the free-for-all, and Annie Laurie, another local horse, the three minute class, in straight heats.

The summary:

Free-For-All.

Tommy Cotter, Vail, Sydney . . . 1 1 1  
Orwell Belle, Ellis Pharmacy, Charlottetown . . . . . 2 2 2  
Lillian Patchen, Hartigan, Sydney Mines . . . . . 3 3 5  
Darky Hal, Reeves, Sydney . . . 4 5 5  
Lloyd Achille, Sauderson, New Glasgow . . . . . 5 4 3

Time, 2.23¼, 2.23¼, 2.24.

Three Minute Class.

Annie Laurie, Rudderham, Edwardsville . . . . . 1 1 1  
Kilwa, Sweet, Sydney . . . . . 2 3 4  
Keith Heron, Mann, Sydney . . . 4 6 6  
Simcoe Bell, Buckley, Sydney . . 5 2 3  
Princess Pat, Robert C. Neva Dillon and Lolata Patchen also started.

Time, 2.27, 2.28¼, 2.29½.

### TEAMS COST LITTLE IN 1874

In these days of high finance in baseball it is interesting to hark back to the days when Boston had a great championship team. George Wright has a copy of his baseball book for 1875, with records and reports for the season of 1874, the year that the Boston and Athletics went to England and played a series of games, the first introduction of baseball into Europe.

The treasurer's reports of these two clubs show that the salary list of the Boston club was \$17,900 and of the Athletics \$13,970.70, not much more than enough, counting both lists, to pay the present-day salaries of Ty Cobb and Tris Speaker.

The total gate receipts for games played in Boston for 1874 was \$15,462.25, and the total income for games in the United States and Europe was \$31,699.10; and yet there was a balance on hand at the end of the season of \$833.13. The rent of the ball grounds was \$517.50. The rent paid by the Athletics was only \$200. The gate receipts for the trip abroad amounted to \$3,460.29 and yet both clubs came out ahead for the season. The trip to Europe cost the two teams approximately \$5,700.

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