

HARNESS HORSE RACE WORLD SEES SPORT REGAINING PRESTIGE

Old Glory Sale Prices Considered Good Omen --- Yearling Average Rise

Horsemen who remained in town over Thanksgiving Day and yesterday before departing for Kentucky, Florida and other points were unanimous in the belief that harness racing now stands on the threshold of a comeback and gaining popular favor that it never knew even in the days when it was quite the thing to own at least a swift roadster. After a second look at the amazing prices obtained in the Old Glory sale, they pointed out that owners and trainers had done their part, that the rest was up to the racing associations which now should busy themselves in arranging adequate purses and publicize in advance the race meetings of next season.

Even E. J. Trainer, veteran head of the Fasig-Tipton Company which conducts the auctions of thoroughbreds and trotters, was inclined to the belief that it was the most successful sale of standard-bred horses in the history of his company. He thought that the fine average prices paid for yearlings were of vast importance.

"Certainly," he said, "they reflect free money, and to thrive, racing and trotting need prosperity on the part of those who participate in the sport. If 1937 and 1938 are not great years for the trotters and pacers, I will miss my guess."

With a total of \$189,000 for 246 horses, which was nearly \$50,000 more than the total obtained for ten more horses last year, the sale was ended Thursday afternoon. In many cases yearlings were started on their way to Longwood, Florida, to be schooled for racing next year. The Duchess, a filly for which Bill Strang jr. paid \$7,000, the top price of the sale for a yearling, was one of sixteen youngsters shipped to the South, and she should reach the mile track at Longwood early this week.

The Duchess, a full sister to Protector and to the Hambletonian winner, The Marchioness, will be trained by Bea White, who knows no superior in the preparation of young horses, or any others for that matter. White has had great success with the horses of Will N. Reynolds and others and won

the Hambletonian this year with Rosalind, owned by his son, Gibson. He also brought Strang's Twilight Song along to championship honors among the two-year-olds.

In passing judgment on The Duchess, which is by Pete Volo from Margaret Arion, White admitted to Strang that he might well have two champions in his barn for next season. Twilight Song certainly will be the winter book favorite for the 1937 Hambletonian and on breeding and conformation The Duchess is accorded a fine chance to take most of the two-year-old stakes. That, naturally, depends on the way she trains.

Bucko McDonald Wings' Defensive Star Will Wed

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 4—Bucko McDonald, bruising defenceman with Detroit Red Wings of the National Hockey League, announced yesterday he would marry Miss Lottie Lang, 23, of Sundridge, Ont., December 21. Miss Lang is a daughter of Willard Lang, former Canadian lacrosse star and now a butcher in the Parry Sound district town.

The wedding will take place in the Lang home while the Wings enjoy a five-day layoff after a game with Boston December 20. The couple became engaged last summer.

McDonald said he met Miss Lang five years ago when he accepted an invitation from the girl's father to go to Sundridge to teach lacrosse. He gave Lang credit for teaching him hockey and said he had never been on skates before going to Sundridge.

Williams—I've had this car for years, and never had a wreck.
Johnson—You mean you've had this wreck for years and never had a car.

Aberdonian (sitting down to his tea)—What's this, Maggie? Ma guinness, is it dog biscuits?
Maggie—Ay, it's dog biscuits. The dog was rin over this forenoon.

SUPER SPECTACLE OF TRADING IN BIG LEAGUE SHOW

MONTREAL, Dec. 3—Major League slickers fought to a noisy 24-hour draw today in their old skin game of trading to get something for next to nothing.

Except for the sale by Brooklyn of outfielder Stanley (Frenchy) Bordagaray, infielder Jim Jordan and Emil Leonard, pitcher from Atlanta, to the St. Louis Cardinals not a deal or swap of importance was revealed.

The closest approach to a big deal was made by the New York Giants and Chicago Cubs as the rival magnates held countless huddles and talked big talk.

With Manager Bill Terry on the scene about 48 hours late, the Giants offered to trade Catcher Gus Mancuso, Pitcher Hal Schumacher and Outfielder Hank Leibler to the Cubs for Outfielder Frank Demaree, Pitcher Bill Lee and Catcher Ken O'Dea. The Cubs offered Captain Elwood English and Outfielder Tut Stainback in a flat swap for Leibler, but Terry balked. A deal was all but certain to be made with Leibler going to the Cubs.

The super spectacle, "the sale of Dizzy Dean" offered no new developments with the Cincinnati Reds, New York Giants and Pittsburgh resting on their offers. It definitely was Branch Rickey's next move and the vice-president of the Cardinals was not doing much moving.

BRIDGE BUILT BY SATAN SHOWN TOURISTS IN AUSTRIA

VIENNA, Austria, Dec. 4—At low water visitors to Schwallenback in Austria are always shown the Devil's bridge, a ridge of rock with which Satan tried to dam the Danube, legend says.

The devil had agreed to dam the river between sunset and cockcrow, thus flooding the castle, but the village cock heard the scheme, crowed an hour earlier and so frustrated Satan.

Nurse—Have you told Mr. Brown he's the father of twins?
Maid—No, he's shaving.

BIG SKI TRIALS AT NEW YORK, STARS COMPETE

International Dog Sled Team From Canada to Be Present

NEW YORK, Dec. 4—Representatives from Norway, Sweden, Austria, Germany, Canada and Switzerland will form the cast of one of the most spectacular indoor shows ever attempted when the Madison Square Garden's Winter Sports Show and International Ski Meet is held Dec. 9-12.

Some of the most distinguished exponents of skiing, figure skating, snow shoeing and dog sledding as well as a host of trick and stunt skiers and skaters will participate in the programme.

Anton Lekang and Strand Mikkelsen, former national amateur champions; Charley Proctor, Harvard coach; Bertel Paaske, Carl Messelt and Sverre Kolterud, Norwegians—the latter due to arrive on the S. S. Stavangerfjord on Thursday—the Austrians, Sig Buchmayr, Tony Novak, Benno Rybizka and Otto Lang, and Sigfried Steinwall, a former Swedish Olympic coach, are only a few of the skiers who will display their technique and finesse on hickory wings.

Several famous authorities will be on hand to answer all questions and give advice on the finer points of the Visking sport. Hannes Schneider, tutor for European royalty, whose St. Anton am Arlberg School in Austria founded the skiing system used today all over the globe, will be among the universally known instructors at the show.

Others include: Otto Schnetbs, head of the Alpine School in America and coach of Dartmouth intercollegiate champion squads for the past six years; Dr. Hans Wagner, Tyrolean instructor, and also Proctor, Buchmayr, Lang and Rybizka, assistants to Schneider at St. Anton.

Other performers, who are expected to provide thrills with their unusual and spectacular programmes include: Miss Evelyn Chandler, Roy Shipstead and Douglas Duffy, figure skaters of world renown; "Irwin of the Arctic" and his team of huskies, H. R. Wheeler from St. Jovite, Canada, with his international champion dog sled team and a group of snow shoers, who will introduce the arduous sport to New York.

Yvan Coutu, Louis Thoroval, Pete Gavuzzi and Sammy Richman are the runners slated to participate in a race that should bristle with action.

Those eager to see what equipment and modes will be offered for the 1936-37 winter sports season can satisfy their desires by visiting the Winter Sports Exposition in the Exposition Hall. This will be held daily from 12:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., with more than 150 exhibitors displaying all activities that have to do with the Winter sports world.

SPORT RAMBLES

NEW YORK, Dec. 4—At the six-day bike race: Ford C. Prick, president of the National League, taking off his overcoat for the third time . . . "Darn it, I just can't get away from this place" . . . Mike Jacobs has added Jack Torrance, former Louisiana state shot-put star, to his collection of fighters . . . Jack was paid \$2,500 to sign up for five years . . . He makes his pro debut at New Orleans Dec. 7 . . . Commenting on the proposed trade of Rollie Hemsley to Cleveland for Mel Harder and Frankie Pytlak, one Cleveland sports editor said: "The trade is all right. Both sides would get the worst of it."

John Henry Lewis, the light-heavyweight boxing champion, is due for a garden appearance soon . . . Man Mountain Dean is variously billed as being from Atlantic and Los Angeles . . . Truth of the matter is, he is from New York's West Side, and his real name is Soldier Leavitt . . . once he was a fighter . . . Messrs. Cohen and O'Brien are teamed together in the bike merry-go-round . . . Casey Stengel is doing all right in Texas oil . . . Three cheers for the International League for hiking Ernie Lanigan's salary . . . He's a swell press agent, although he does not like to be called that.

STUDENTS QUALITY HIGHER

PROVIDENCE, Dec. 2—There has been an increase in both quantity and quality in Brown University students this year, Acting President James P. Adams has announced in an article in the Brown Alumni Monthly.

Who You See and Meet at Ball Conventions

Seen at the baseball convention at Montreal:

Branch Rickey and the large Cardinal delegation tramped in yesterday. Fresco Thompson was an arrival last night.

Johnny Peacock, one of the two players declared free agents by Judge Landis, was signed by the Boston Red Sox. Peacock was with Toronto in 1935. He is a good utility player.

About 100 delegates attended the hockey game last night. Nearly 500 watched Royals play McGill tonight.

Many Montreal personages have accepted invitations to attend the banquet tomorrow night. S. J. Hungerford, president of the C.N.R., will be amongst those present.

The son of Dan Hill, Piedmont League president, plays center for Duke University.

"Correction" said Hector Racine, then announced that Bob Seeds went to the Yankees in a straight cash deal. Duke and Kies were purchased by the Royals from Newark.

Rabbit Maranville is certain Duke will win for the Royals. Rabbit thinks both men will help the club.

There is no chance of Babe Dahlgren coming to the Montreal club.

Hector Racine likes the way Frank Shaughnessy handles International League meetings. It was Hector who put F. J. S. in the chair.

Fred Haney, Toledo manager, is trying to negotiate a working agreement with Detroit. Haney conferred with Mickey Cochrane, Charlie Navin and W. O. Biggs today.

If there is somebody you want to meet, consult Joe Page, who knows everybody. And everybody knows Joe Page.

With Dan Howley on hand, something definite is expected to be announced about the Toronto situation.

The Piedmont League got its troubles ironed out. April 22 was decided upon as opening day. The Texas League will start April 14.

Lobbying—Mickey Cochrane and Rogers Hornsby looking serious . . . Jimmy Dykes is youthful in appearance . . . Says he is 40 . . . Looks ten years younger . . . Toronto and Albany still without managers . . . Rumored Free Agent Peacock got \$15,000 for signing with Red Sox . . . Lefty O'Doul and his familiar green hat . . . Green suit to match . . .

RED WINGS IN VICTORY OVER RANGERS 2-0

Colville Gets Major Penalty for High Sticking

DETROIT, Dec. 3—In a smashing comeback after two shutout defeats, the champion Detroit Red Wings used a revamped lineup to blank New York Rangers, leaders of the American Division of the National Hockey League, 2-0 tonight.

The victory put the Wings in a second place tie with Boston.

The champions' first line, with Gordon Pettinger replacing the crippled Marty Barry at centre, needed only 24 seconds to score the first goal.

Pettinger drove down the right boards and flipped a pass to Larry Aurie, who scored before many of the 6,400 customers were seated.

The second goal came after 14:57 of the second period while Neil Colville was off the ice with a major penalty after his high stick cut Bucko McDonald's cheek bone.

Johnny Sorrell's hard drive brought goalie Dave Kerr to his knees and Herbie Lewis lifted the puck over him into the nets.

The Rangers had a second period scoring chance on a penalty shot after Aurie was caught tripping, but Nelj Colville's try was wide.

SO WHAT?

Circumnavigator Elkins, leader in the around-the-world race of reporters hopes some day to go back and see what lies beneath the blur of speed with which he was whirled around the globe. His trip has been a series of views "tantalizingly abbreviated."

That is the way many of us go through life. We make high speed and kick up a lot of dust—and what does it get us? Income tax and apoplexy. The man walking along the road has the joy of seeing many beauties which the speeding riders miss. Now and then the saunterer along life's road is knocked for a loop by the speeders. But he dies with beauty in his soul.

Or vice versa . . . O'Doul gets Johnny Gill, Gene Lillard and Joe Vitter in the Joe Marty transaction.

JESSE OWENS PROVIDES FOR PA AND MA

CLEVELAND, Dec. 4—The Alabama-born parents of Jesse Owens, negro Olympic star, received today a share of the sprinter's \$50,000 earnings since his return from Germany.

The Negro bought Cleveland and Emma Owens an 11-room house—hardwood floors, up-to-the-minute plumbing fixtures and double garage.

The modest parents said the gift represented comforts they never had dreamed of in plantation days.

"Boy, it certainly tickles me to see how happy mom is now," remarked the beaming son who last month announced he had abandoned amateur ranks.

"I'm going to buy her a couple of thousand dollars' worth of new furniture and make her really comfortable."

In the 1936 Olympic Owens captured three individual events and shared in the United States relay team's victory.

He said he had "earned about \$50,000" since the Olympics. Of this \$40,000 is in a trust fund. He would not discuss his earnings in detail.

Owens said he would go to Hollywood soon to fulfill radio and motion picture contracts.

Marty Fortkins, his manager, predicted Owens' Olympic feats would net at least \$100,000.

Thinks Rough Riders Can Trim Sarnia Imperials

OTTAWA, Dec. 4—Big Dave Sprague, captain of Ottawa Rough Riders, inter-provincial Rugby Football Union champions, thinks the team can beat Sarnia Imperials in the Eastern Canada final at Toronto this Saturday. "If we can keep up the same fight as in the past, I think we can beat them," he told a service club here.

Sprague said Rough Riders "threw away a lot of chances to score" in last Saturday's game against Toronto when they defeated Argos to take the Big Four title. "We went with the idea it was going to be a tough battle and it turned out to be just that. In the first part of the game we threw away a lot of chance to score that might have been our downfall."

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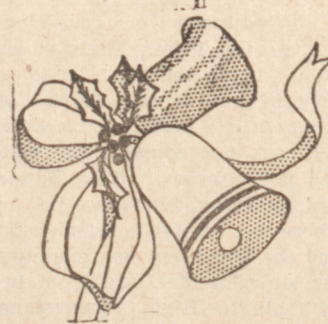
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