

HAS DOMINATED AMERICAN RACING FOR 2 SEASONS

Some Interesting Facts Concerning Commander J. K. L. Ross and His Stable.

Commander J. K. L. Ross, of Montreal, one of the high contracting parties to the great thoroughbred match that will bring the 3 year old champion of 1919—Sir Barton—and the three year old champion of 1920—Man O'War— together at Kenilworth Park on October 12th, in a gallop of one mile and a quarter for a record purse of \$75,000 and a \$50,000 gold cup, was not fortunate in the first great match to which he was a party. Eternal beat his great little gelding Billy Kelly at Leard Park two seasons back in the John R. McLean Memorial Cup, a special promoted by Colonel Matt Winn to determine the 2 year old championship of the season of 1918.

Nevertheless for two seasons Commander Ross' thoroughbred establishment has dominated American racing. Thanks mainly to the brilliant consistency of Billy Kelly, a son of Dick Welles for which he paid \$27,500 at Saratoga in August, and the splendid stamina of the distance running Broomefield stallion, Cudgel, the Canadian racer led all American rivals in 1918 with a total of \$99,479 to their credit. Really they won considerably more than \$100,000. In reckoning winning the compilers of racing manuals count only the big end of purses. They do not seem to think that second and third money matters. Nevertheless, second and third money pays feed bills. Other contributors to this substantial total were Milkmaid, Dramaturge, Damrosch, War Pennant, etc. Last year, with bigger purses to be won everywhere, the Ross stable earned a total of \$209,408 according to the manuals. Actually they accounted for about \$225,000. In 1919 Sir Barton, which, in 1918, had been a stable parasite, stepped out as the great winner. His total of earnings was \$88,250. Not only was he the biggest contributor to the exchequer of the Ross stables, he was the biggest money winner of any age in American racing. Billy Kelly was Commander Ross' second best bet. Then followed Constancy and Milkmaid. The aging Cudgel, always up against it in the handicaps in few of which he got under less than 180 pounds, earned no more than \$17,000. Commander Ross realized that he had practically, nullified his usefulness as a racing machine retired Cudgel to the stud at Ross Farm in Howard county, Maryland at the end of the season.

The Canadian turfman had horses for all sorts of racing last season. Boniface, Damrosch, Milkmaid, Foreground, his sibs brilliantly and successfully in races over distances of ground while Motor Cop, War Marvel, and Billy Kelly upheld the reputation of the stables in sprints. Constancy, an imported daughter of Ambassador, bred by Arthur B. Hancock, Proprietor of the Claiborne and Ellerslie studs, won the Spinaway stakes at Saratoga and the eastern Shore handicap at Havre de Grace. Commander Ross was not in the main, lucky with his 2 year olds, youngsters he bought at the auction block the preceding summer as he had not been lucky with older horses previously brought over. His best and most reliable campaigners were horses of American breeding like Sir Barton, Cudgel and Billy Kelly. Constancy was the one dazzling exception among the outlanders of his stable.

That the gross winnings of the Ross thoroughbreds this season will exceed \$225,000 is a certainty. If Sir Barton is fortunate enough to beat Man O'War at Windsor, the total will go over a quarter of a million, and considerably beyond that mark. Nevertheless the Ross racers will have to step right along to beat out the runners of the establishment of Harry Payne Whitney, of New York, one of the veterans of American racing. Just now the Whitney stable has a slight edge on the Canadian establishment and it looks very much as though one of the Whitney 3 year olds—there are five or six first rate colts of this age in the Whitney stable, notably Wildair, John P. Grier, Topet, Dr. Clark—will win the \$60,000 Latonia Championship, Kentucky's great fall race of one mile and three quarters for 3 year olds exclusively.

Sir Barton, because of a hurried spring preparation, which knocked him out, has not been a considerable contributor to the Ross stable earnings this season. But he is due to accomplish something worth while this fall, whether he is successful at Windsor or not. Boniface, which improved over winter until he was hardly recognizable, Milkmaid, Lion O'Or, King Thrush, Star Votter, Intrigante, Hildar, and a bunch of Canadian brood have been the best Ross breadwinners.

Centenary Of Pine Hill College

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
Pictou, N.S., Oct. 5.—The Centenary anniversary of the establishment of Pine Hill Presbyterian College was celebrated by the Presbyterian Synod in session here today. After addresses by Rev. Principal Clarence Mackinnon, of Pine Hill, and Sir Robert Falconer, president of Ontario University, formerly of Pine Hill, the Synod drove from Pictou to Green Hill, the original site of the college.

The proposal to amalgamate the Presbyterian Witness, the Nova Scotia organ of Presbyterianism, with a dominion organ to be issued in Toronto, is expected to come up for discussion at the Synod either tomorrow or Thursday.

HIS RECOMMENDATION

(London Tit-Bits.)
"The wife of a wealthy man had occasion to call in help of a new floor-polisher. "Do you understand your business thoroughly?"
"All I ask, madam, is that you inquire for yourself at my last situation. On the floor of the large drawing room alone five persons broke their limbs during last winter, and a lady slipped down the grand stair-case. It was I who polished the floor and the stairs."—London Tit-Bits.

CANADA'S HOPE IN GREAT RACE



Sir Barton, great race horse, owned by J. K. L. Ross, of Montreal, matched to race Man-o-War at Kenilworth Park October 12, for \$75,000 and a \$50,000 gold cup. He will carry 126 pounds.

SPORT NEWS OF A DAY, HOME AND ABROAD

BOWLING.

Wellington League.
In the Wellington League game last evening on the G. W. V. A. alleys the Trocadero Club took all four points from the Customs House. Somerville had the best average of 93.

Customs House	Total	Avg.
Coburn	89 71 84	238 79.3
Wills	88 84 87	239 79.5
Shannon	87 74 84	235 78.3
Reynolds	77 74 84	235 78.3
Polkins	101 71 71	243 81
Willett	85 77 85	247 82.3
	414 377 381	1172

Trocadero Club.
MacEwen 82 75 78 235 78.3
Somerville 101 83 83 267 89
Shannon 89 75 80 244 81.3
H. Hunter 86 86 85 257 89
Stammers 98 85 77 260 86.7

456 404 435 1295

Y. M. C. I. League Opened.

Before an interested group of Y. M. C. bowlers last evening Frank McCafferty, as chairman of the house league, welcomed Dr. J. H. Frink, acting mayor, to the institution and invited him to open the league season by throwing the first ball down the line to the expectant pins.

Acting-Mayor Frink gracefully performed. He preceded his essay as a bowler by a short and interesting address. He expressed surprise which an inspection of the institution had afforded him in his review of the magnitude and excellent equipment. He contrasted the advantages of the youth of today with what there was in his boyhood and he dwelt on the benefits of clean, wholesome sport upon body and mind and morals, and the influence which was felt all through life.

Dr. Frink was heartily applauded as he concluded. Then he threw down the first ball and the league season was on. The Owls and Falcons contested and the former took all four points, as follows:

Falcons	Total	Avg.
Magee	79 70 82	231 77
McGrath	82 86 73	261 87
Bever	86 83 84	253 84.3
Nixon	92 81 83	256 85.3
Power	79 88 80	247 82.3
	428 398 421	1257

ATHLETICS.

Won Marathon.

Halifax, N. S., Oct. 5.—Alfred Rogers, Imperial, forty six years of age, won the Herald and Mail "modified marathon," the feature event of today's carnival programme from a field of seventy-two starters. W. J. Gouley, St. Patrick's, A. C. was second and St. Clair Leslie, of the Wanderer's A. C., was third. The course of approximately ten miles through the city streets was covered by the winner in sixty-two minutes fifteen seconds.

MAN O'WAR

(New York Times.)

When Man o' War meets Sir Barton in the \$75,000 match race at Windsor, Ontario, on Oct. 12, he will run the last race of his career. Win or lose, it is the plan of the owner, Samuel D. Riddle, to retire the great son of Fair Play to the stud, that his blood may enrich the breeding industry of the country.

This decision will cause surprise and disappointment to a public which has grown exceptionally fond of Man o' War and which has looked forward to seeing him race in the handicap division next season. However, Mr. Riddle has considered the future of Man o' War from the point of view of the breeder rather than that of a man racing horses, and believes that greater benefit will accrue to the turf with Man o' War standing at a stud than if he continues to display his marvelous powers on the track.

Mr. Riddle's intentions were disclosed when it was proposed to him by a friend that immediately after the race with Sir Barton, he issue a challenge to all the world for a race against any horse or horses at any place named.

"No, that would never do," said Mr. Riddle. "It would not be possible in my opinion, for an English or French horse to become acclimated in less than a year and the same would hold true if we had to go abroad. That would mean the loss of a year to the breeding industry of the country. The year in which the race would be run would take another twelve months. I wouldn't like to accept the responsibility of keeping the horse out of the stud two years longer than our present plan calls for."

"Where will he be located in the stud?" Mr. Riddle was asked.

"Wherever Mr. and Mrs. Jeffords decide," was the reply. "They love the horse quite as much as we do. Mrs. Jeffords is Mrs. Riddle's niece, and while we have no children they are just as dear to us as though they were our own. Man o' War has always been a sort of party horse. We all have a claim on him and have shared him together. Whatever the Jeffords want to do in the future will suit us perfectly. As Walter Jeffords is a Kentuckian, and Kentucky is the birth place of Man o' War, it is only natural to suppose that he will be returned to that state when his racing career closes. Nothing definite has been decided in connection with the horse's stud campaign. There are many applications from friends who want to secure outside seasons. Our own breeding plans have not crystallized as yet, so nothing has been decided in that direction, nor has the matter of fee been acted upon."

The highest stud fee in the country today is the \$1,500 at which Fair Play, sire of Man o' War, stands, and it is thought that this will be the sum necessary to secure a service to the champion. There has been a lot of discussion among the experts as to the chances of Man o' War being a success as a stock horse. If the theory that like begets like holds good, and the proper type of mares are selected for him there is no reason why he should not leave a distinguished family of racers behind him.

Matter of General Regret.

It is generally regretted that racing conditions as they exist in the United States at the present offer no incentive to keep such a glorious type of the thoroughbred in training for another year or two. The disappearance, or at any rate the diminution of the weight-for-age contests to a point where there is no encouragement to carry a horse of superlative merit through a campaign is going to rob hundreds of thousands of the pleasure of ever seeing the greatest horse of all time on the American turf. There was a period when racing programmes were studied with such contests as the Jock Club Weight for Age.

FOOTBALL.

Intercollegiate Schedule.

Turol, N. S., Oct. 5.—At a meeting of the Maritime Intercollegiate Athletic Association held here this afternoon and evening a football schedule was drawn up and plans were discussed for similar hockey and basketball. The football league as usual will be divided into two portions, eastern and western. The eastern section includes St. Francis Xavier, King's and Dalhousie and the western section Acadia, Mount Allison and University of New Brunswick. Following is the schedule of games for the western section: Wednesday, Oct. 27, Mount Allison vs. U. N. B.; at Sackville; Wednesday, Nov. 3, U. N. B. vs. Acadia at Fredericton; Tuesday, Nov. 9, Acadia vs. Mount Allison at Wolfville. No delegates from King's were present at the meeting this afternoon and it is not known for certain that they will be here tonight. As a consequence the schedule for the eastern section and the play-off may not be arranged till tomorrow. Following is a list of delegates present at the afternoon meeting: Mount Allison, R. L. Clark and A. Ferguson; U. N. B., E. G. Saunders and B. F. Burgess; Dalhousie, N. A. MacKenzie and McIntosh; St. Francis Xavier, F. Ferguson and A. J. McIsaac.

GOLF.

Big Fellows Beaten.

New York, Oct. 6.—James W. Barnes of St. Louis and Jack Hinderaker of Chicago defeated Harry Vardon and Ted Ray, six and five, in a 36-hole match yesterday.

THE TURF.

Pictures of Noted Race.

Toronto, Oct. 6.—Motion picture rights in connection with the match race between Samson and Riddle, Man o' War and Commander Ross' Sir Barton at Kenilworth race track next Tuesday, were disposed of yesterday. The picture rights were sold to the American Film Play Company, which arranged for the race, to D. W. Griffiths, American film play producer, for \$10,000. This is said to be the first time motion picture rights for a horse race have been sold.

Orlo Brings \$20,000.

Commander J. K. L. Ross has further enriched his string of fine thoroughbreds with the purchase of the two-year-old colt Orlo for \$20,000. This was the highest price obtained at the sale of the horses of Jefferson Livingston at Jamaica the other day.

BASEBALL.

Del Pratt Retires.

New York Times.—Derrill Pratt, who has been a member of the Yankees since 1918, has been appointed baseball coach at the University of Michigan and will also act as supervisor of athletics there. This means that Pratt is through with professional baseball and will not be seen at second base for the Yankees next season. Pratt has played the best game of his career with the Huggins club this season. He came to the Yankees in 1918 in the big trade, which brought Pratt and Plank to the Yankees for Shocker, Numakner, Cullup, Gordon and Fritz Meisel. Plank did not report to the New York Club after the trade. Pratt played at the University of Alabama on both the baseball and football teams. He joined the St. Louis Browns in 1919 and played there until he came to the Yankees.

Mr. Covey Reviews Amateur Ball.

A. W. Covey, president of the union at Montreal Sept. 6, gave a review of the activities during the last season. Touching on baseball he said that baseball must be organized so that leagues must insert in their constitutions a residence clause of two months in order to protect each other and to stop the jumping of players from one city to another.

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The Sports for Boys of Industrial Home

The committee who undertook to arrange sports and entertainment for the boys at the Industrial Home express thanks to the citizens who gave financial assistance which allowed us to purchase the articles required, to the merchants who supplied prizes for sports and fruit and nuts for the boys, to those who supplied automobiles, to the members of the Lyric Theatre who in convenience themselves by attending at hours required—Mr. Hurley, Miss Frink, Accompanist, Miss Eldridge, and Mr. Watson, to R. Carson whose kindly and enthusiastic efforts were very successful and to Messrs. Stubbs and Parsons for work in conducting the sports.

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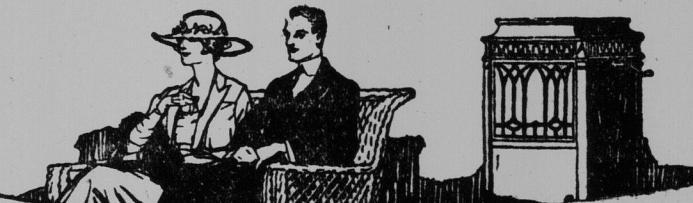
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