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## HARNESS HORSE GOSSIP

## BLACKBIRD THE OUTLAW

John Splan Leading Crusade Against Hobble-About Lady May.

There is certainly some mistake in the report that the entry of the Canadian pacer Blackbird (2:14) had been accepted for the 2:12 pace at Stratford. At the present time this horse is an outlaw and cannot start on tracks governed by the National or American Trotting Association, and Secretary Tobin is so sure of this official to allow such a thing to take place.

The trotting stallion Quintel (2:14), a record which he gained over a half-mile track last season, is one of the best trotters ever brought into this country, both in point of speed and of breeding. He raced brilliantly through the Ohio circuit on half-mile tracks in 1936, and set his record at Lima in the second heat of his race there, and any trotter that can step a half-mile ring in 2:14 is certainly going good. Quintel is a handsome bay, a little under the great axis, that took a 3-year-old record of 2:12 and after which he was sold by C. W. Williams of Delaware, Ill., for \$100,000. The dam of Quintel is Vera Atwood, by Atwood, a noted sire of brood mares. Mr. H. H. James, of the Hamilton harnessman, recently bought the horse from parties over in Ohio, and has him entered in stakes on the grand circuit. To those who saw Quintel in his races last year, it will not be surprising to learn that he is a trotter with a record of 2:08 or better this year.

The veteran harnessman, John Splan of Chicago, is not leading a crusade to do away with hobbles. It is true that hobbles are unsightly and do not in any manner tend to improve the appearance of a horse, but at the same time they are an absolutely necessary adjunct to many of the present-day training methods. If a horse should be done away with, many of those now considered successful as drivers would have to learn the ropes over again to a large extent. There is no question that many paces now with fast records by the stable route would, with a little more patience in training, have made good trotters, and thereby much more valuable to the nation.

The agitation against hobbles is becoming widespread, and it will not be surprising to learn that it will not be the course of the next two or three years.

It is said that Nut Boy (2:07), the big, heavy gelding, which was the largest money-winning trotter on the grand circuit in 1936, will be sent into winter quarters in the hands of the master mechanic, Myron McHenry. Nut Boy's gait as a trotter would lead one to believe that he will not be a very difficult matter to shift him into a side-wheeler.

John A. Chantler, the well-known local trainer, and president of the Dufferin Driving Club, is of the opinion that his old pal, Lady May (2:04), now at Ferrie Haul, Ind., will come home with a record of 2:02 or better, and from here, considering what the mare has accomplished in the past, it is quite possible that Chantler's hopes will be realized.

A picture of Sidney Porter (2:04), owned by W. H. Moffat, V.S. of Picton, appeared on the front page of The Buffalo World last week, with the caption that the horse was more than a local reputation. Sidney Porter was extremely fast, and his paces were so fast that he was a 3-year-old, three years ago this summer, but did not get to the races again until this winter. He was the second to the Brantford trotter, Johnny, making him stretch his neck all the way to win in 2:25, which is good going for a trotter on ice, and they say that Ayrlie is the faster of the two.

St. Kitts Rowing and Canoe Club. St. Catharines, April 2.—(Special.)—The St. Catharines Rowing and Canoe Club has elected the following officers: President, Captain A. H. Macdonald; Vice-President, John D. Brown; Secretary, R. G. W. Connolly; Executive Committee, R. F. Robinson, Ed. Adams and Harold Phelps; Auditors, G. B. Burton and S. W. Secord.

Many improvements will be made to the Canadian Henley course, all projects, posts will be removed, and a series of motor boat races will be added to the program.

Scots Football Club. The Toronto Scots will hold their 25th annual meeting on Wednesday, April 2, at the Central Y. M. C. A. parlors. All players and officers of the club are requested to be on hand. Any new player wishing to join one of the oldest and best known football clubs in the province will be made welcome. The Barrie, Ontario, J. J. Croft, will be in charge of the club. A practice game with any team on Saturday afternoon. Address A. Dowd, 85 College-street, or phone Main 102.

## TOBACCO AND LIQUOR HABITS.

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## TORONTO PLAY FIRST GAME TO-DAY AGAINST CUMBERLAND HIGH SCHOOL

## Kelley and His Men Get Their Bats and Uniforms and Have a Practice—Arthur Irwin Wants a Game.

Cumberland, Md., April 2.—(From Our Own Correspondent.)—The Toronto were able to get down to work preliminary work this afternoon. After a preliminary morning's outing, of which most of the players had to perform in street clothes, the delayed uniforms and bat arrived from Bay and Adair, and the team was ready to get to work on the field.

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## New Baseball Rules

If any player other than the pitcher soft a new ball, either by mistaking it or rubbing it in the dirt, he will be fined \$5.

If a pitcher ball strikes the ground before it crosses the plate, it counts as a ball in every case.

The batsman will be declared out if he changes from one foot to the other after the pitcher has taken the mound.

In games where two umpires, of which it shall be agreed on and announced before the game on which particular plays each shall rule.

If a catcher interferes with a batsman while striking at a pitched ball, the batsman shall be declared a runner.

If there are two base-runners and one passes another in an endeavor to make a run while the first base-runner is being tagged, the base-runner who passes shall be declared out.

The last two rules held in the American League last year, but not in the National League.

## BASEBALL NEWS AND GOSSIP

## Toronto Catchers in Empire State League—Training Notes.

Toronto has two catchers in the Empire State League. They are, of course, Phil McQuibban and Frank Miller. Both are with the Toronto team.

Phil McQuibban, who was with the Toronto team last year, is now with the Toronto team.

Frank Miller, who was with the Toronto team last year, is now with the Toronto team.

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## ROCKET AT 25 TON, WINS BURNING STEEPCHASE

## Three Outsiders, Two Favorites and a Second Choice Divide Honors—Results and Entries.

Washington, April 2.—Three outsiders, two favorites and a second choice divided the honors in the six events to-day at the Burnings Steeplechase.

Two of the winners, Rocket, in the steeplechase, at 25 to 1, and Jupiter, in the third race, at 12 to 1, practically were outsiders, while the favorites, Ledastra and Marasman, were played very heavily.

A slight favorite, Jupiter, won the fourth race, at 12 to 1, and the second choice, Jupiter, won the fifth race, at 12 to 1.

The sixth race, at 12 to 1, was won by Jupiter, at 12 to 1.

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