

# SPORTING SECTION OF THE TORONTO SUNDAY WORLD

## W.H. Gocher's Review of Circuit Races That Closed Last Week

### Fifteen Weeks From Philadelphia to Atlanta—The Champion Single, Double and Triple Winners.

The forty-sixth renewal of the Grand Circuit series closed at Atlanta, October 18, after a run of fifteen weeks, during which there were thirteen meetings at which 270 races were contested. Of that number, 166 were for trotters, in which there were 1163 starters and 104 pacers in which the starters ran up to 727, making a total of 1890 for the season.

For these events the premiums for trotters amounted to \$380,064.49 and for pacers to \$148,378.10, making a grand total for the year of \$528,442.59. Rainy days kept this amount from running over half a million. During the first five meetings the weather was very favorable for racing, but after the horses arrived at Philadelphia someone upset the rain barrel and it never got back into position during the balance of the season. Two days were checked off the list at Belmont Park, as well as at Poughkeepsie and Hartford, while Boston lost almost three and Syracuse almost two, nine races being declared off at that point. The Columbus September meeting was also hampered by the weather, but managed to give all its program, while a colt race was all that was skipped at Lexington. At Atlanta the curtain fell on the series in the rain with the loss of one day's program.

**Purses of Twelve Millions.**

The series of 1919 runs the number of meetings given by members of the Grand Circuit in forty-six years up to 462, at which the premiums amounted to \$12,865,503.22. Hartford was the senior member and Toledo the junior, while Cleveland alone remains of the four which started the organization in 1872. At the start, its meetings were held over the golden oval at Glenville, but were transferred to North Randall in 1909 when the present course made its bow to the racing world.

While the average rate of speed was faster in 1919 than in the past, there has been very few sensational performances, except among the aged, some might call them old horses. Single 3's heat in 1:39 1/2 at Toledo was the only one recorded below two minutes, while Lu Princesse leads the trotters with a time record of 2:01 and a mile in 2:02 in a dash race. All of these are a trifle short of the returns in 1918, when Single G. and Miss Harris M. placed the three heat race record for pacers below the two minute line, while both Mabel Trask

and St. Frisco won heats in 2:04. The injury sustained by Anty Guy in her second race, no doubt, kept the trotters from making a new mark, but all that can be said for the pacers is that they could not step up to the new standard.

**The Old Trotters.**

Of the old trotters, Heir Reaper, Early Dreams, Royal Mack and Mignola were the leaders. The first named, now a twelve-year-old, won in 2:04 1/2 at Kalamazoo. Royal Mack, eleven years old, made his third trip thru the circuit and won in 2:04 1/2 at Toledo and Lexington, where Early Dreams made a new record for horses of that age, when he showed in front unexpectedly in 2:03 1/2. At the same time he also made a new world's record for geldings which was equalled by Prince Loree in the Transylvania.

Mignola and Sanardo each won nine races during the season. As has been stated, the former started in ten events, while the San Francisco pacer took the word in fourteen, his fastest performance being at Lexington, where he defeated Adios Guy in 2:00 1/2 after the latter had won a heat in 2:00 3/4.

Royal Mack made the most remarkable campaign ever placed to the credit of a horse of his age. During the fifteen weeks, he was started in fourteen races, of which he won eight, finished second in four, fourth in one, and was unplaced in one, while in his last race at Lexington, this rugged gelding looked as tho he was good for another season or two in the fastest company.

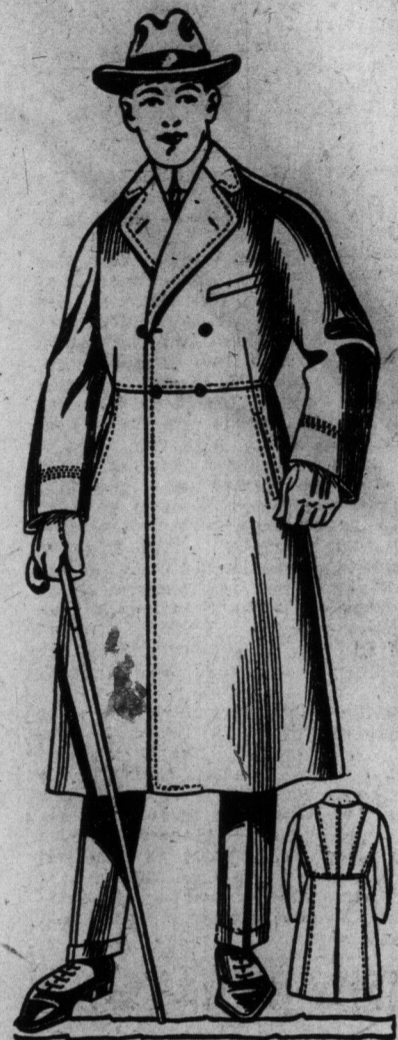
**The Two-Year-Olds.**

The Laurel Hill filly Natalie the Great made one of the most prolonged and successful campaigns ever credited to a 2-year-old trotter. She took the word in ten races, of which she won seven and finished second in three. None of her rivals could catch her until she reached Philadelphia, where Mr. Dudley won. At Boston she won in 2:10, while Daddie defeated her at Hartford and Daystar at Lexington, where Mr. Dudley dropped dead after winning a heat in 2:05 1/2, the race record of a two-year-old this year, and also in an event which proved the fastest four-year-old race on record for foals of that age.

Grace Direct, Dr. Nick, Goldie Todd and Hollywood Kate each won six races at Grand Circuit meetings. Of this list, Grace Direct defeated all of the best class pacers of the year, including Direct C. Burnett, Sanardo and Frank Dewey, while she was only beaten a few inches by Direct J. at Lexington. Prior to the opening of the Grand Circuit, this mare picked up five races on the half-mile tracks, in one of which Symbol S. Forrest won a heat from her in 2:03 1/2. Also after the close of the

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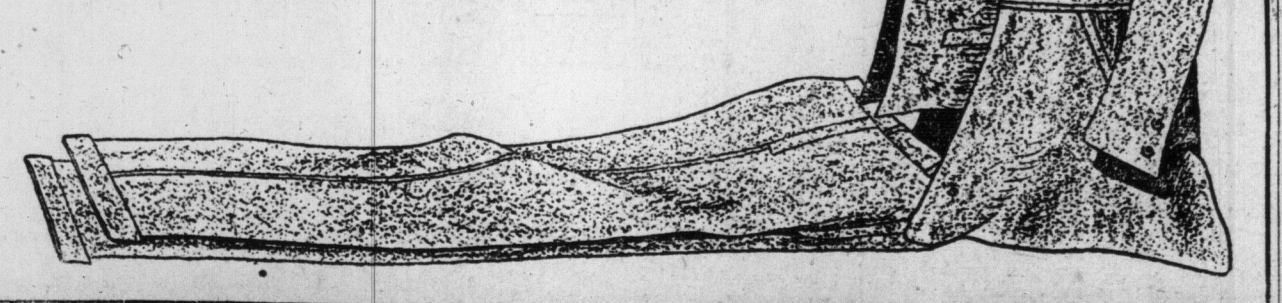
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Philadelphia meeting, she was shipped to Springfield, Ill., where she defeated Single G. in a number of other high class performers in the free-for-all in 2:05 1/2.

Murphy did not start Dr. Nick until the circuit horses reached Poughkeepsie. He won six of seven starts, his only slip being at Syracuse, while he also showed a mile in 2:04 1/2 at Lexington after picking up three first moneys at Columbus.

Goldie Todd and Molly Knight were the stars of Geers' stable this year. The General Watts filly won seven of her engagements, while Goldie Todd had six out of nine starts standing to her credit when she was shipped to Lexington. Her most sensational race was paced at the Columbus September meeting. Her most sensational race was paced at the Columbus September meeting. Her most sensational race was paced at the Columbus September meeting.

**KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH RUGBY GAME**  
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way it would give Argos and Tigers four victories and two defeats each at the finishing line. If there is a tie only one game is likely to decide it, the loss of a coin showing whether it will be played in Toronto or Hamilton. Montreal and Ottawa have held the limelight in the Big Four race, but they are figured out of now. Of course, they are liable to come along and upset the dope, and Argos and Tigers can take no chances with them. Many a game has been lost by over-confidence, as Argos well know. It cost them a victory in Ottawa, which was just about have given them the title without any worries.

**T. R. and A. A. All the Way.**

It is T. R. and A. A. all the way in the O. R. F. U. senior race. Neither Capitals or Hamilton Rowing club are likely to upset the apple cart as far as the black and white are concerned. Caps figure they will trim Rose Humphrey's team the next time out, and they may, too, but they are few who would like to wager on it. True "Jimmy" Garlick's team will be a lot stronger in their next engagement, but they had a weak team against T. R. in Thanksgiving Day. Caps play Hamilton Rowing Club at Hamilton today, and no doubt the teams will have a merry battle for second honors. As for the intermediate race, it looks like a stiff proposition to call a winner. Dundas won their group by default, and Caps look to have a struggle for the honors in Toronto, Up West, London, Sarnia and Petrolia, are having a merry time of it.

**One Ring for All.**

Up in western Canada they are clamoring for one set of rules to govern the game all over Canada, and one union to control the game generally and to arrange play-offs. True, there is a Canadian Rugby Union, but it really only governs Ontario and Quebec. The C. E. U. seems unwilling to get into action to improve conditions, and they should be given a jolt to wake them from their sleep. It would be a good thing for the

C. A. A. U. to ask for a general rugby meeting of enthusiasts from all over Canada. The situation could be discussed and a Canadian union organized on the same lines as in the Canadian Hockey Association. Rugby is played in practically every province. It does not need building up, but it does need one body to take hold of things and handle them so a real Canadian champion could be declared. The Canadian champions at present are only champions of Ontario and Quebec, and are not truly representatives of the entire Dominion.

### JIM SAVAGE HONORS HIS NAME IN MOVIES

How Jim Savage, an ex-pugilist, was gadded into a realistic free-for-all by the wiles of a clever moving-picture director is recounted by Herbert Corey. The writer says: "Savage is an ex-pugilist who had been engaged to do a fight scene for one of the company's pictures. He is a big, powerful man, and it was suspected that he would rely upon his ring knowledge and try to avoid injuring his assailant. The director determined to force Savage to lose his temper and fight in earnest."

"We will rehearse the scene today," he said. "Tomorrow we will shoot it."

"Savage began with a grin. But when six men try their best to hit you wherever it will hurt, even the most even-tempered man is apt to lose his temper. Before two minutes had passed Savage was fighting with all his might. At three minutes he had a black eye and a badly swollen lip. At four minutes he was roaring and throwing furniture at the six. When the camera finally ceased clicking two of the six were completely 'out' and another was on the floor unable to get up. It took all the strength of the stage hands to pull the now thoroughly angered men apart.

"So that was a rehearsal was it?" asked Savage thickly. "When do we have the light?"

"It is all over," said the director complacently.

"Who is the belle tonight?" asked she. As they stood on the ballroom floor. He looked around the room to see if. And she speaks to him no more.

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