



HERE AND THERE IN SPORT

By J. C. L.

Several stars of the tennis world are in Montreal to-day for the opening of the indoor tournament arranged by Lady Davis for the benefit of the crippled soldier's fund.

Encouraging reports were presented at the annual meeting of the Argonaut Rowing Club on Wednesday night, and the Double Blue will be at it again with as much enthusiasm as before the war.

The latest sporting organization in St. Catharines is to be the Sunday School Baseball League, which will meet for organization purposes at the Y.M.C.A. next Tuesday night.

George H. Lawson, late of the Canadian army, has given an interview to Boston sporting writers in which he says plans are under way for the formation of an outlaw baseball league in Toronto.

according to Lawson, will be known as the Allied League, and only men who have seen service in the American or Canadian armies will be eligible to play.

The Standard-Journal baseball series is causing lots of interest around the city, and no doubt there will be a large crowd of fans on hand to see the first game, which is billed for next Tuesday evening.

BOXING NOTES.

With two such corking good matches as Frankie Bull and Frank Schoell, and Johnny Brady and Irish Kennedy, announced as mere preliminaries, the fans are wondering what to expect in the line of "main attractions" for the next Queensbury A. C. card, says the Buffalo Courier.

Jack Britton's next bout will be

with Johnny Tillman, who got a licking Monday night from Steve Latzo at Philadelphia. They meet next Monday night at Baltimore.

Joe Kansas has accepted terms to box Young Britt at Hartford, Conn., on May 19, and will meet Phil Bloom at Montreal a week later.

Evidently Charley White is not through with Harvey Thorpe, even if the two already have clashed twice in the ring. Offered another crack at Thorpe, at Denver, on May 30, White and Manager Nate Lewis quickly accepted the date.

Pinkie Mitchell, Ritchie's brother, who is scrapping in the far west, writes that he is running into some queer decisions. He sends clippings showing he recently trimmed Helene Schuemann at Seattle, despite the fact that the judges declared the bout a draw.

Frankie Brown, who knocked down Johnny Kilbane in Philadelphia recently, has been matched to box the featherweight champion ten rounds in Cleveland, May 14.

THIS YEAR'S DERBY MARKS PASSING OF MINT JULEP

This year's Derby will be the classiest of all. It will be held over the Churchill Downs track at Louisville, May 10; there will be ten or twelve three-year-olds in the race.

Louisville is preparing for the greatest crowd in history. At least 50,000 persons are expected. Between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 will be set through the pari-mutuel machines.

And the historic and famous "mint julep" will pass with this year's race. It long has been an institution at Churchill Downs where 75 feet of bar and an army of bartenders catered to the thirsty.

CANADIAN HORSES

By W. H. Gocher.

St. Lawrence and Tacony were the first Canadian trotters that attracted attention on the American turf. The former made his record of 2:34 at Chicago in 1848, while he also won at two and three mile heats. His breeding was unknown although some claim that he was a Tippoo, to which nearly all of the early Canadian trotters traced.

Tacony was the first Canadian 2:30 trotter. He was foaled in 1844 in Prince Edward or Hastings County, Ontario, and made his record of 2:27 in 1863 when he defeated Flora Temple over the Union course. Tacony was sired by Sportsman, as on of Tippoo. This tap root sire was by the Narragansett pacer Scape Boat, his dam being a chestnut mare which a travelling preacher purchased for \$93 at an auction sale of army horses in Kingston after the close of the war of 1812.

The Royal George family was prominent in the light harness racing world for many years, Byron and Toronto Chief being its leaders. The latter won to saddle and to harness and when retired got Thomas Jefferson, 2:23, and Naubuc, sire of Mabel, the dam of Directly, 2:03 1/4.

Royal Revenge, another son of Toronto Chief, was represented on the Grand Circuit by Fred Hooper, 2:23, Prince, 2:27 1/4, and the black mare Lucy, 2:20 1/4, usually referred to as the "Queen's Own" to distinguish her from the splendid daughter of George

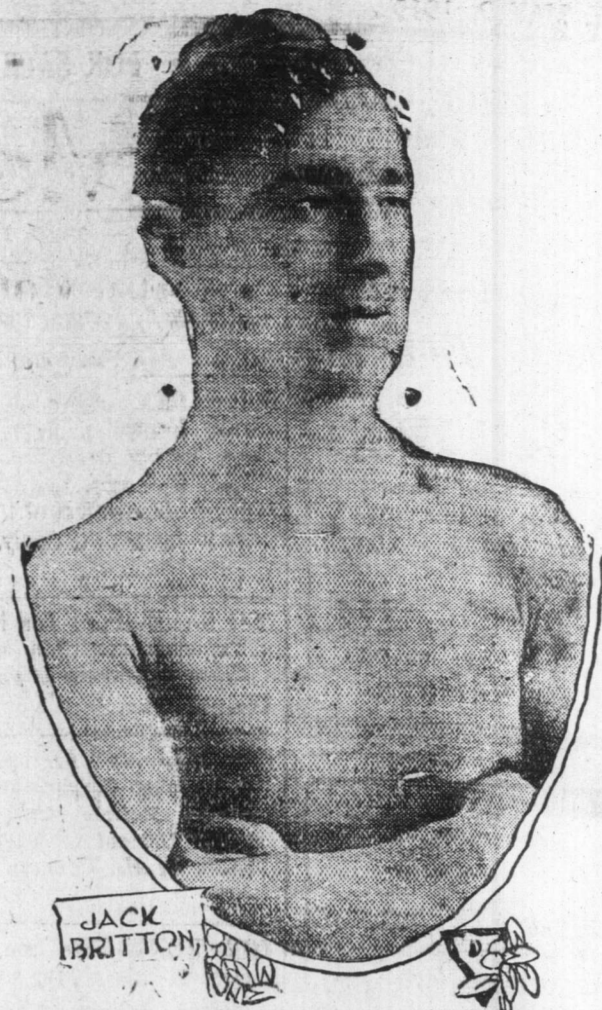
M. Patchen which carried the same name.

Phet, a Canadian family founder, did not get any foals in the Dominion. His reputation as a sire rests upon his descendants in Kentucky, where he was taken from New Orleans, his trip to that city, being made in 1831 behind the wagon of the Yankee peddler Elias L. Rockwell. Clear Grit, another Canadian sire of note, is one of the few horses by thoroughbred sires, that became standard. He was foaled in 1850, being by imported Lapidist, and made a record of 2:42 1/4 at London in 1872.

The Royal George, Clear Grit, Rooker and Clarion Chief families have disappeared in the male line. The mares tracing to them, however, became the Canadian foundation stock and threw speed when mated with the horses imported from the United States. These included the real Stanton, Ridgewood and Rysdyk, Winfield Scott, Highland Boy, Superior, Chicago Volunteer, Bellwood, Phil Sheridan, Kentucky Prince Jr., Wilbrino, Coaster, Frank Bogash, Rampart, All Right, Sidney Pointer, Larabee the Great, Almont Wilkes, The Eel, Melbourne King, Grattan Royal, Gold Hal, Oro Wilkes, Abdell, Will Mayburn, Gilbert Patch, Kentucky Todd, Jim Todd, Chilcoat, Star Patchen and Dustless McKinney.

Before any of their get was seen at Grand Circuit meeting, Canada found a banner bearer in Moose. He made a record of 2:19 1/4 at Rochester in 1890 and was in a few years followed by the Phil Sheridan mare Phyllis, 2:15 1/2. She was one of the best race mares of her day.

General Stanton sired a number of good trotters, of which Fides, Fides



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Stanton and Geraldine were seen at Grand Circuit meetings. Ridgewood got Ben B., 2:13 1/4, and Wanda, 2:17 3/4, while before being taken to Ohio, Rysdyk got Victor, 2:21 1/2, and Royal Rysdyk, the sire of Frank Rysdyk and Gallagher. Highland Boy was also represented by the pacer Joe L., 2:15, while Highland Chief, one of his sons, sired the dam of Wentworth, 2:04 1/4, the fastest trotter bred in Canada, and Hamlet, another son, got Brownie, the dam of Ducky Hal, 2:02 1/4, and Charley B., 2:07 3/4.

But very little was done in the production of light harness performers in the Maritime Provinces until All Right and Rampart were taken to Nova Scotia. They were followed by Mel-Courne King, Conn's Harry Wilkes, Harry Wilkes, Brazillian, Achille, Winfield Stratton and Commodore Ledyard. Their get were also carried to Prince Edward Island, where light harness racing is the leading source of entertainment.

Of late years Canadian breeders have been sending many fast pacers to the races and that the majority of them have the winning habit is evidenced by the records of Frank Bogash, Jr., 1:59 1/4, Angus Pointer, 2:01 1/4, Gallagher, 2:03 1/4, Harold H., 2:03 1/4, Major Brino, 2:04 1/4, Fern Hal, 2:05 1/4, Texas Rooker, 2:05 1/4, Dick Mayburn, 2:05 1/4, and Calgary Earl, 2:07 1/4. Frank Bogash, Jr., was bred in Quebec. He is the champion pacer gelding Angus Pointer was foaled in Ontario and was one of the best race horses in the Hal family. Ducky Hal had Major Brino and Texas Rooker behind her when she won in 2:02 1/4, while Harold H. won six out of nine starts, the year he made his record. Calgary Earl was bred in Alberta and holds the record of that province. Dick Mayburn was foaled in Manitoba and as he won fourteen out of fifteen races last year he is entitled to more than passing notice as a prospect for 1919.

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