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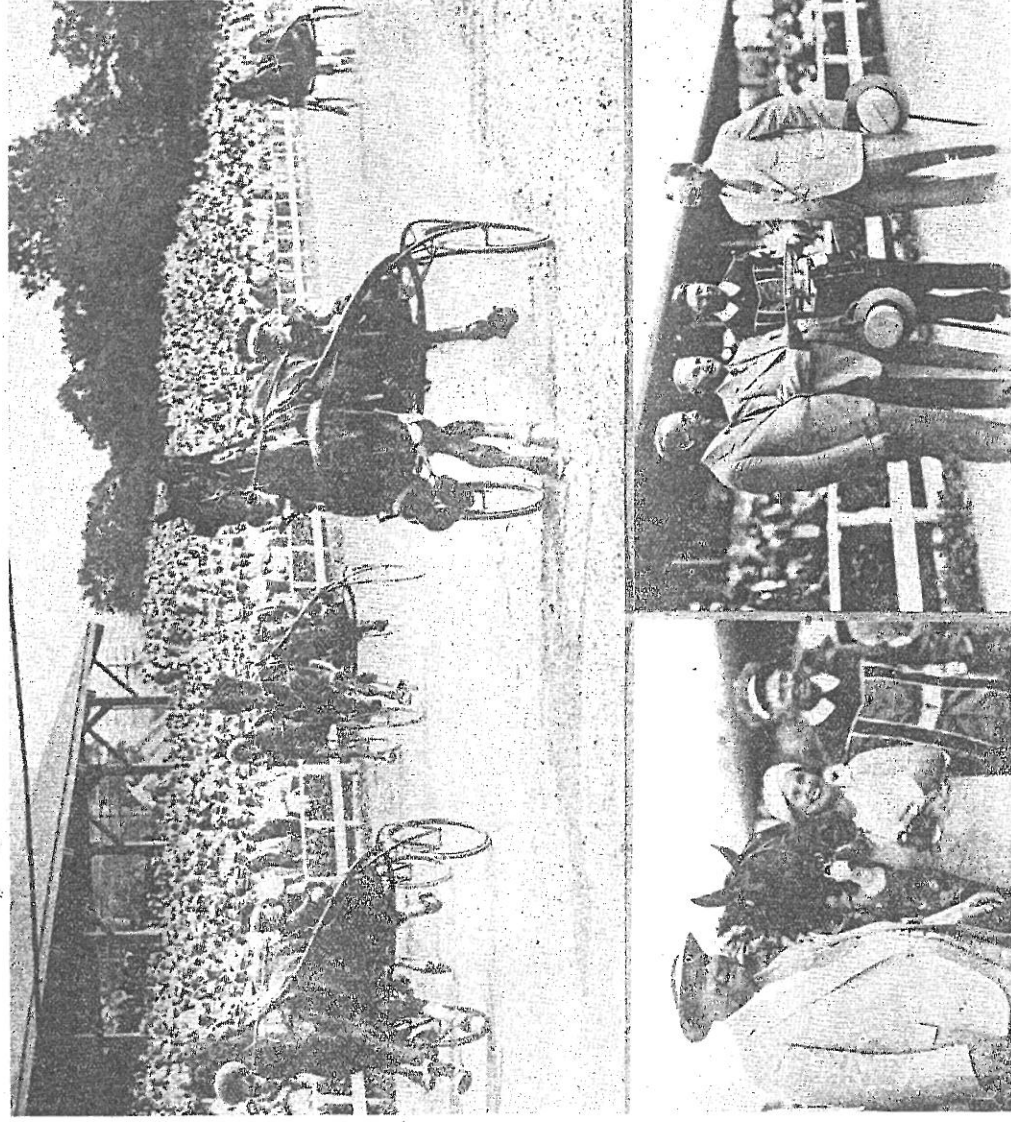
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THE WINNING OF THE HAMBLETONIAN STAKE

Top—Lord Jim 2:02 $\frac{3}{4}$ the winner, taking the second and fastest heat in apparently easy fashion. Left—Just after the finish, owner E. L. Mefford, (left) Mrs. Mefford holding Lord Jim, and driver Parshall. Right—Owner Mefford receiving Hambletonian trophy from president J. J. Mooney of the Hambletonian Society. At the left, W. H. Cane president of the Goshen Grand Circuit Association, and driver Parshall in the background.

The Hambletonian Stake and Goshen

By Walter Moore

The Hambletonian Stake was raced on Wednesday, Aug. 15, the date scheduled for it, before the largest crowd that likely ever witnessed a trotting event, at least in modern times. The estimated attendance was placed as high as 35,000, but a more conservative estimate would place it at around twenty thousand, with almost that many paying admissions to the grounds, grand stand and bleacher seats. Particulars of the race are given on another page by the able pen of Tom Gahagan, so they will not be discussed, merely the sidelights on the day, and what it meant to the trotting world.

It was a representative gathering of people, of all clans and creeds, not bet-crazy people, not farmers, but people that really enjoy a great sporting event for the love of contest, and of course, every stamped-in-the-bottle trotting horse fan that had the time, money and opportunity to be there. The race itself was a raging battle of speed, of colts, remsmanship and race generalship. There were disappointments of course, Emily Stokes being the outstanding instance. The beautiful daughter of Spencer, 3, 1-59%, winner of the event in 1928, did not trot her race, being unsteady in every heat.

Fred Egan sacrificed his own fortunes by refusing to choose between two of his leading patrons, C. W. Phellis, owner of Emily Stokes, and Lyle Bros., owners of Princess Peg, passing the mount back of Emily Stokes and Princess Peg.

The great assembly of people was about as comfortably taken care of as is humanly possible to arrange for an open air event. And the entertainment given them has never been surpassed in horse racing annals. The thought that held the beads in my mind was how vastly superior, just from a racing standpoint, was the Hambletonian Day program, as compared to the best day's sport ever provided, or seen on a running track.

Thirty-six horses started in four events, racing thirteen heats, half of which were bristling, battling contests. Often times four or five horses would come to the wire under the most vigorous drives that modern skilled reinsmen can give them. More than half of the finishes were eye to eye, nose to nose, and disputed decisions as to place frequently heard. The thirteen heats averaged 2:03 5-13 or for convenience sake about 2:03 1/2.

It is in order to recall that beginning at Rockingham Park, Salem, New Hampshire's wonder meeting staged by Allan J. Wilson, through the hot to the last step, affording greater entertainment of an equine nature than any one, regardless of age or country, has ever seen. Let us hope that the general public has realized that fact, and will attend the meetings better in the future, than in former years, for instance, attend the Lexington meeting Sept. 24-Oct. 6 in similar numbers and with like enthusiasm that was in evidence during Hambletonian week.

A comparison of the entertainment at a running meeting with what was served to the public on Hambletonian Day, and again Friday when fourteen blistering heats with the free-for-all trot and all the trotting stars in training battling for honors to their very limit. Why entertain-ment? If you have any spirit in you, you would have had to bubble over with enthusiasm and pleasure any day of the Goshen meeting, particularly Wednesday, Hambletonian Stake Day, and Friday, free-for-all-trot day.

And if you want to go a little further visualize Judge Arthur S. Tompkins, the sixty-nine-year-

every horseman, devotee of the sport, turf scribe and many others gave the day and the event heavy support, without reservation.

Now for a few items concerning the winner of the Hambletonian, Lord Jim, 3, 2:02 1/2. He is a Walnut Hall Farm bred colt, by Guy Axworthy 2:08 1/2, dam the robust chestnut mare, Selka Bellini, dam of five in 2:10, including the triumvirate of sisters, Taurida, 2:04 1/2, Selka 2:05 1/2 and Tobena 2:06 1/2. Eva Bellini is recognized as one of the best of all brood mares, and Selka, also Taurida, is rapidly earning a place in the brood mare sun, as a producer, having, beside Lord Jim, 3, 2:02 1/2, his sister, Selka Worthy 2:02 (exported). Adam, 2, 2:07 was her first foal, also exported.

He is one of the last crop of Guy Axworthy yearlings to be marketed, being among a consignment of 17 Guy Axworthys to the "Old Glory" sale of 1932, passing to the ownership of E. L. Mefford of Columbus, Ohio, and John F. Davis of Toledo as co-partners, who still own him. He was selected, developed and driven to his mark of 2:05 1/2 as a two-year-old, and his three-year-old, the Hambletonian record of 2:02 1/2, by Dr. Hugh M. Parshall of Urbana, Ohio. Many a train West carried prospective buyers, or lookers to Urbana, Ohio, during the past winter to inspect Lord Jim with this same Hambletonian Stake as the object of their quest. It has been variously reported that prices of ten and twelve thousand dollars were refused for him, but all were turned face down by his owners.

Others turned the colt down due to splints that bothered him all of his two-year-old form. Will Rosemire of Lexington, Ky., best known of American exporters of trotters to Europe, stated a number of times in the fall of 1933 and during the past winter, that "If Lord Jim was absolutely sound he would rather have him than any horse in the U. S." But he remained the property of his original owners after his sale from Walnut Hall Farm and has been handled exclusively by the Buckeye veterinarian. The splints were fired and treated during the winter and are dead so far as trotting is concerned. He is a rather sturdy bay colt, with a similar powerful stroke to that of his sturdy dam. He also has her wearing qualities which can be reasonably safely attributed to the Thoroughbred cross in his grandam, Eva Bellini, whose dam was the Thoroughbred mare Esther, by Express.

Lord Jim has been raced a number of times at Toledo, Toronto and at Rockingham Park, against the pick of the land, largely tough class races, to harden him up for the Hambletonian. I timed him in the Rockingham Park handicap when he was on a break when passing the wire, practically a standing start in 2:04 1/2, thinking at the time that if he tightened up from that race, he would be hard to head, which proved to be more than the case.

His outfit shoes, boots and fittings is simple, seven-ounce shoes, creased at the toe, plain otherwise, and no toe weight. His hind shoes are light—4-ounce, full crease. He was fitted with elbow boots at Rockingham Park for the first time, and wore them in the Hambletonian. Behind he wears scalpers, shin and speedy cut boots, carries his head at a comfortable angle, and is just, plainly speaking, "one of those rough and ready tough horses that can absorb the hardest kind of work and racing and improve on it." Dr. Parshall deserves full measure of credit for bringing him to the race and through it victoriously.

too fast in the deciding heat, or from some other cause is debatable, but her great effort will ever remain vivid in the minds of those fortunate enough to see her trot.

The free-for-all trot, styled the first division of the Progressive trot, brought to the post the season's three great stallions, Vansandt 2:01, Brown Berry 2:01, Calumet Crusader 2:01 1/2, and the marvelous mare, Kashmary 2:01 1/2, winner of the race. Ben White was selected to pilot the famous daughter of Mr. McElwyn, and Kashmir 2:03 1/2 by Belwin, and apparently had the key to her, no little credit also going to "Jaktie" Mahoney, who fitted her for the race.

Her victory made Jos. J. Mooney, her joint owner with John O'Brien of Cleveland, a very happy, and rightfully so, man. What a race it was, the third heat producing a finish rarely ever duplicated, six horses finishing across the track heads apart and all under a raging drive. The grand stand shouted its joy at the picture they witnessed, old-timers breathed quickly and all fortunate enough to see it carried away visions of probably the hardest fought and closest finishes, number of horses considered, that has ever taken place.

Walter Garrison showed a good two-year-old filly when he won the Good Time Consolation with Baroness, 2, 2:03, one of the numerous crack fillies by Volomite 2:03 1/2, fillies by him apparently being outstanding this year. She won the second heat in 2:08 from Lawrence Hanover, famed as the brother to the sisterly triumvirate of two-minute mares by Peter Volo-Miss Bertha Dillon, 4, 2:02 1/2, by Dillon Axworthy, making his maiden start in 2:08. And in the race-off of the third heat with Zillah Hanover, the Volomite filly won by a scant margin in 2:09, for the fastest duo of heats of the year by a two-year-old trotting filly. They will likely try conclusions again in the Reading Fair Futurity during the week of Sept. 11. She is a little rangy, but a good going filly that is steady, and should be a useful filly later on.

Walter R. Cox, Grand Circuit Czar

A suggestion that originated a year ago, in fact, that has been made a number of times since Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis became Exalted Ruler of Base Ball, became a fact and not a theory during the week at Goshen.

Stewards of the Grand Circuit, members of the Trotting Horse Club of America, and others interested in the welfare of Big Time racing, arranged with Walter R. Cox of Goshen to become absolute ruler of the Grand Circuit organization. In speaking of the appointment Mr. Cox said: "Cox will go to work on managing the Grand Circuit whenever and however we request him to, this fall, next winter, next summer or at any time there is work to be done to brace up the Grand Circuit."

Just how far his powers will go, and what the result will be can only be told by future events. But the fact stands boldly out, that there is plenty of work to do to organize a full chain of Big League meetings. Going further, Mr. Cox stated "That he would engage another trainer for the Good Time Stable in due course of time."

General Notes

T. F. "Doc" Murphy of Southbridge, Mass., well known in Bay State circles, also in connection with the B. S. C. meeting at Sturbridge, Mass., passed away suddenly a short time ago, the result of a heart attack. "Doc" Murphy, as he was cordially known, was proprietor of the Columbia Hotel in Southbridge, where practically all horsemen lived during the Sturbridge meetings.

He owned a number of horses raced by both Will Flemming and Ed McGrath.

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Lord Jim, 3, 2:02½, Hambletonian winner, and fastest three-year-old trotter of the year to date. Congratulations to owners E. J. Mefford of Columbus, and John Davis of Cleveland, and to the Parsfall family.

And now that the Hambletonian suspense is all over for another twelve months, which of the colts will be top in the Horseman Futurity summary, and the Kentucky?

Never in the records of the sport has there been such a group to keep owners, trainers, drivers and spectators on edge as the trotting three-year-olds have this season.

This week the Grand Circuit dates move around to Springfield's million dollar track, and the following week Syracuse opens, with Indianapolis coming at the end of the same week.

That suggestion that the new Narragansett track near Pawtucket, R. I., be dated for one of the September open weeks on the Grand, would strengthen Big Line dates materially.

Horses at the Indiana State Fair will receive \$18,650 in the fancy saddle and hitched classes, \$8,000 in the heavy draft division, and \$16,000 in the speed classes.

Good news that Grand Rapids is again offering inducements to the return of the trotters, and that Flint will stay on its dates of September 10 to 20, both with high class programs for the half-mile track horses.

The two-year-olds have begun to show some promise, and by fall there should be a fair assortment of them.

Greyhound, 2, 2:06½ adds another one to Guy Abbey's list, and is the fastest of the trotters for that age, so far.

J. E. Vornian, the Crosbie owned Tulsa gelding took on a new bracket of 2:01½ in beating a select field in the Goshen purse.

Appearances indicate just now that quite a number of two-minute performers should be added to the lists before the frost gets heavy.

Fanny Volo, owned by Ralph M. Ingalls, Maine patron of the sport, is versatile to say the least, having won the free-for-all trot at Gorham, Maine, and the next day took the blue ribbon in the show ring as top of the Gentlemen's Driving class.

The 1934 Gorham Fair was the most successful in its 95 year history.

Fred Weston, speed secretary at Skowhegan, reports an entry of 158 horses on his race card.

Cedar Hill Stock Farm at Cambridge City, Ind., owned by Abram Boyd, reports the loss of

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the good brood mare Foremost, 3, 2:07½ last week, she having been struck by lightning. She was by Azoff, dam Kay's Ess, by Ess H. Kay, and left a four-months-old colt by Binville 2:09¾.

Heavy rains last week slowed up the time at many points and suspended activities at others. Pictures of many yearlings which will appear in The Horseman, Lexington Homecoming issue of September 12, show some exceedingly choice juveniles destined for the Kentucky Sale.

Construction of the K. T. H. B. A. stand is rapidly growing into outline of what will be most comfortable and complete accommodations for Trot visitors.

Burgoo and fried chicken, Kentucky style, real cornbread (without sugar) and juleps made by masters, are some of the epicurean delights listed on the Lexington menus for Trots week.

And by the way of a reminder, the Lexington meeting opens just one month from Friday of this week.

Up in Maine the reports from the potato section anticipate a bumper crop on "spuds" which incidentally should be good for the horse business.

Huntsville, Ala., will have harness racing, September 18 to 22, with a great card of events for \$150 and \$200 purses. This meeting follows Jackson, Tenn., and just precedes Athens, Ala. Marie Dickson is secretary.

A financial report on the Franklin, Ind., Legion Fair showed a net profit of \$1,068 most of which will go into improvements to the plant. Purses next year will be \$250 each according to present plans.

Entries Close	
Owatonna, Minn.	August 22
Orangeburg, N. Y.	August 22
Little Valley, N. Y.	August 24
Trinceton, N. Y.	August 24
St. Charles, Minn.	August 24
Huron, S. D.	August 25
Lincoln, Neb.	August 25
Fort Royal, Pa.	August 25
Fort Wayne, Ind.	August 27
Goshen, Ind.	August 27
Jacksonville, Ill.	August 27
Oskaloosa, Iowa	August 27
Topeka, Kans.	August 27
Reseyville, Ill.	August 28
St. Charles, Mo.	August 28
Oregon, Ill.	August 30
Stoneboro, Pa.	August 30
Dunkirk, N. Y.	August 31
Marietta, Ohio	August 31
Yonkers, Pa.	August 31
Van Wert, Ohio	August 31
Canton, Ohio	September 1
Norwalk, Ohio	September 1
Riverhead, N. Y.	September 1

Meetings Next Week	
Austin, Minn.	August 29-September 1
Burlington, Minn.	August 30-September 1
Columbus, Ohio	August 27-September 1
Cresco, Iowa	August 28-31
Des Moines, Iowa	August 28-31
Pairmont, Va.	August 27-30
Flemington, N. J.	August 28-September 2
Goshen, Ind.	August 29-31
Independence, Iowa	August 28-31
Jacksonville, Ill.	August 28-31
Jackson, Mich.	August 28-September 1
Little Valley, N. Y.	August 29-31
Milwaukee, Wis.	August 25-31
Pawnee, Minn.	August 27-30
Princeton, Ill.	August 29-31
Rensselaer, Ind.	August 27-30
Rhinebeck, N. Y.	August 29-September 1
St. Charles, Minn.	August 31-September 2
Tipton, Iowa	August 28-September 1
Vermilion, S. D.	August 29-September 1

The Lexington Sale and the Old Glory are the only two thus far announced for the selling season.

And the dope on the whole lot of them this year, everywhere, would make a system better tear out his hair.

Shelbyville, Ind.

Aug. 14.—3:12 Pace, Purse \$200
 The Great City, s, by Atlas Guy (Adams)..... 1 1
 The Saco Lily, ch, by Atlas Guy (Adams)..... 2 2
 Volo Baron, rn s, by Peter Volo (Runley)..... 3 3
 Forrest Cochato, br s, by Walter Cochato (Hatch)..... 4 4
 Gentry McEwen, 5-4-5.
 Time—2:07, 2:07½, 2:07.

2:13 Trot, Purse \$200
 Hollywood Don, b s, by Vologda (Pierce)..... 1 1
 Charlie My Boy, b s, by Peter Potemkin (Lamb)..... 2 2
 Earl Pluto, L. C., b s, by Peter Potemkin (Lamb)..... 3 3
 East Pluck, b s, by Peter Potemkin (Lamb)..... 4 4
 State Two-Year-Old (L. T. & P. H. A. Pace, Added Money,
 \$150)
 Blossom Time, br m, by Truxax (Benarum)..... 2 4
 Billie Braden, blk s, by Peter Hur..... 3 3
 Lynn Gratton, ch m, by Silent Gratton (Walton)..... 3 3
 Apion Rugby, s s, by Arion Guy (Thompson)..... 5 5
 President Lincoln, 4-J, Aveda Mae, 7-5.
 Time—2:13½, 2:11½. Track record for two-year-olds.

Aug. 15.—2:26 Trot, Purse \$200
 Wayne Track, b s, by Vologda (Pierce)..... 1 1
 The Moon, br m, by Atlas Guy (Adams)..... 2 2
 Ethel Watson, br m, by Escobar (Walters)..... 3 3
 Hazel Watts, gr m, by Pluto Volo (Douglas)..... 4 4
 Patchen L. C., 5-3-4; Monkey Frisco, 6-4-6.
 Time—2:16, 2:15, 2:14½.
 2:26 Pace, Purse \$200

2:17 Trot, Purse \$200
 William The Third, b s, by The Great Volo (Adam) 2 1 1
 Hollywood Don, b s, by Hollywood Peter (Ramley)..... 1 4 2
 Peter Veach, b s, by Felton (Hatch)..... 4 2 5
 Deedee, blk s, by Peter Volo (Runley)..... 3 5 3
 Bold Ross, 5-4; Cabotown (Orpan)..... 3 5 3
 Time—2:12½, 2:16, 2:12½.

2:22 Pace, Purse \$200
 Green Valley, s s, by Single G. (Collins)..... 1 1
 Rose A., blk m, by The Philistine (Pascier)..... 2 3 2
 Piccolo Pete, b s, by Double Great (Alford)..... 3 2 3
 Ora Strathmore, b m, by Knight of Strathmore (Parkins)..... 4 4 4
 Time—2:15, 2:15, 2:14.

2:22 Trot, Purse \$200
 Braden Harvestor, b s, by Braden Direct (G. Hatch) 1 1 1
 Hester The Great, b s, by Access The Great 2 3 3
 (Warren)
 Le Etta Bond, b m, by Martins (Casey)..... 3 5 2
 King Melbert, s s, by Melbert (Miers)..... 4 4 6
 Wonder, b m, 6-3-4; Little June, 5-5-5.
 Time—2:15, 2:15, 2:14.

2:40 Trot for Shelbyville and Adjoining Counties, Purse \$50
 Monkey Frisco, b s, by Frisco June (Hatch)..... 1 1 1
 Colonel Geny, br m, by Colonel Geny (Trot)..... 2 1 1
 Anna W., br m, by Atlas Guy (Adams)..... 3 4 4
 Blue Sage, b s, by Asworth (Warren)..... 4 4 3
 Time—2:20½, 2:19, 2:18½.

2:19 Pace, Purse \$200
 Wallace Cochato II, b s, by Wallace Cochato 1 1
 (Walters)
 His Eminence, s s, by The Abbedale (Higgs)..... 2 3 2
 Single Bob, b h, by Single G. (Adams)..... 3 3 3
 Walter Knight, br s, by Mark Night (Fry)..... 4 5 4
 Sarah Ross Abbe, 5-4-5.
 Time—2:12½, 2:12, 2:10.

Aug. 10.—2:28 Pace, Purse \$200
 Georgia Abbe, blk m, by Abbedale (Walters)..... 1 1
 Walter O., br s, by Direct Heart (Dipannet)..... 5 2 2
 Velma, b m, by Vologda (Millholland)..... 3 3 7
 Donald Watts, s s, by General Watts (Benefe)..... 3 8 8
 Heartbeats, 6-5-6; Braden Harvestor, 5-5-5; Jessie Strong, 10-10-10.
 Time—2:15, 2:13, 2:14.

2:13 Trot, Purse \$200
 William III, b s, by The Great Volo (Wood)..... 1 1 2
 Coronado Boy, b s, by Peter Potemkin (Lamb) 2 2 1
 Peter Volo, b s, by Peter Potemkin (Lamb)..... 3 4 4
 Earl Pluto, b s, by Peter Pluto (Adams)..... 4 4 4
 Patchen L. C., 5-5-5.
 Time—2:14, 2:15, 2:13.

Sandwich, Ill.
 Aug. 15.—September 6 and 7