Horsemen Paint Roseate Picture of the Racing Season Which Is to Open on the Metropolitan Circuit This Week

LOCAL RACING WILL START ON THURSDAY

Jamaica Track Will Be Scene of Inaugural Meeting of Northern Season.

STARS ARE READY TO GO

Old Rosebud, Lucullite and Flags Among Likely Early Starters.

What promises to be the greatest racing season the metropolitan district has had in more than a decade will open at the Jamaica track next Thursday.

Awaiting the call of "boots and saddle" are more than a thousand thoroughbreds and probably 100,000 lovers of the horse. The meetings in Maryland have whetted the appetites of race goers and all are on edge for the fray.

The season will open with the Paumonok Handicap, a dash at six furlongs for three-year-olds and upward. It has a guaranteed cash value of $5,000, and in quest of this purse forty-nine high class sprinters have been named to start. Among them are a score of horses whose speed, stamina and courage have earned them national fame.

Old Rosebud, the former Handicap King, is on the list and probably will go to the post. He is in tip top condition and horsemen predict he will be invincible in sprints and give a good account of himself over long routes this season. In Maryland he won his first two starts from high class sprinters, and in his third start was beaten only a nose by W. R. Coe's Sweep On over the one mile course.

Lucullite in Condition.

Another famous entrant is S. C. Hildreth's Lucullite, the beautiful four-year-old son of Trap Rock and Lucky Lass, which formerly carred the colors of Major August Belmont. He is in prime condition and will be hard to beat if he goes to the starter. In a recent trial at Pimlico he breezed six furlongs in 1:13.

Dominant, the six-year-old son of Delhi, belonging to Harry Payne Whitney, has been going great guns in his work, and is likely to start. Vindex, Blue Laddie, Vexatious and Pigeon also have been named by Mr. Whitney, and it is almost certain that the famous light blue and brown will be borne by more than one of his speed marvels.

Richard T. Wilson will be represented by either Thunderstorm or Hannibal. Both are three-year-olds and each has worked well enough to warrant the belief that he will give a good account of himself in the chase for the purse.

Flags Has Old Speed.

Flags, the champion sprinter of 1918, is on the eligible list and will probably carry his new owner's silks in this stake. He is now owned by the Beach Stable In his trials this spring he has displayed all of his old time speed, and his trainer is confident he will retain the title he earned while racing for the Brighton Stable last year.

Others who are named to start and are ready to give a worthy battle are Col. W. E. Applegate's Jack Hare, Jr., the Brookside Stable's King Plaudit, P. A. Clark's Lion d'Or, S. C. Hildredth's Purchase and Lord Brighton, Walter M Jefford's Routledge, George W. Loft's Papp and Ridgers, A. K. Macomber's Hollister, War Cloud and War Paint the Oneck Stable's Elfin Queen, Commander J. K. L. Ross's Motor Cop, the Triple Springs Farm's Penrose, Joseph E. Wiedner's Naturalist and Trompe la Morte and George D. Widener's Lanius and Abadane.

Nominations for the Paumonok.

The list of eligibles for the Paumonok includes nearly every sprinter of note. So there is every indication of a large field of high class horses going to the post as they are in a much more forward condition than in previous years, many of them having performed on the Maryland tracks, while the others have received there preparation for the stake on the local tracks.

Handicapper Walter S. Vosburgh has assigned Old Rosebud top weight, 134 pounds, with Motor Cop asked to carry only one pound less, with a gradual grading down to Delaware with the feather of 90 pounds. Following are the weights:

Old Rosebud	134	Motor Cop	133
Old Koenig	128	Naturalist	128
War Cloud	127	Flags	126
Sunny Slope	125	Dominant	124
Hollister	121	Jack Hare, Jr.	120
Lucullite	112	Jock Scot	116
Trompe la Morte	116	Vindex	115
Lanius	114	George Starr	112
Purchase	110	Hannibal	110
The Wanderer	108	Billy Boy	109
Papp	109	Blue Laddie	108
Wrystone	108	Lord Brighton	107
War Paint	107	Fairy Wand	107
Duke of Devonshire	107	Spresmoor	106
Abadane	106	Elfin Queen	105
Normandie	105	Vexatious	105
Pen Rose	104	The Boy	102
Toto	102	Rodgers	102
My Friend	102	Pigeon Wing	102
Thunderstorm	102	Lion d'Or	102
Efficient	100	King Plaudit	100
Panama	98	Cromwell	98
Routledge	98	Friendless	98
Fizer	98	Grimalkin	95
Delaware	90		

Two days later the handicap or long distance racers will have their first chance at a $5,000 purse, for on Saturday the Kings County Handicap at one mile and a sixteenth will be decided. In this almost all the good handicap horses in the country have been nominated. Among them are Omar Khayyam, Sweep On, Exterminator, Cudgel, Sunny Slope, Westy Hogan, Old Rosebud, Corn Tassel, Star Master, Naturalist, Vindex and Foreground.

Big Event May 20.

There will be races for two-year-olds every day, but the most important event for the juveniles will not come until May 20, when the Colorado, at five and a half furlongs, will be run. It is a $5,000 stake, and for it almost a hundred high class youngsters have been named to start. At least a score of these are going great guns in their work, and the winner will have to be much more than an ordinary colt or filly.

Practically every stable of prominence in the country will be represented, including those owned by P. A. Clark, W. R. Coe, Robert Gerry, Samuel Riddle, Walter M. Jeffords, Harry Payne Whitney, George W. Loft, A. K. Macomber, J. W. C. McClelland, Commander J. K. L. Ross, John Sanford, Joseph E Widener, George D. Widener, Richard T. Wilson and Walter J. Salmon.

The Jamaica plant has been put in shape for the meeting. For several months the track has been harrowed daily, and horsemen stabling there say it is faster than ever before. The club house and grand stand have been renovated and the lawns greatly improved.

Walter Edwards, the secretary of the Metropolitan Association, which conducts the meet, has arranged an excellent card of overnight events, and he as well as a host of horsemen predict the little track will have the most successful meeting in its history.

Scarcely a thoroughbred of note is missing from the list of sixty-eight names which Secretary A. McL. Earlocker yesterday announced as entries for the Jockey Club Stakes, to be run at the autumn meeting of the Westchester Racing Association at Belmont Park. Entries for this event, which is a new fixture advocated and financially supported by the Jockey Club, closed on Friday, but the list was not complete until yesterday.

It is hoped that the stake will go a long way to deciding which horse is the champion of the year, as the conditions call for weight for age over a distance of a mile and a half and will be run at a time when all the aspirants for the title will have opportunities to be thoroughly fitted for the contest.

The entries follow:

K. D. Alexander's Escoba, Edward Arlington's Questionnaire, Lew Bloom's Lucy Lee, J. Harper Bonner's Prince Hal, Brookside Stable's King Plaudit, P. A. Clark's Dunboyne and Polka Dot, W. R. Coe's Sweep On, Natural Bridge, Over There, Athlone and Terentia, J. C. Gallaher's Regalo, C. M. Garrison's Be Frank, Robert L. Gerry's Balustrade, S. C. Hildreth's Purchase, Cirrus and Mad Hatter, Walter M. Jefferds's Star Hampton and Routledge, Kentucky Stable's Chasseur, Willis Sharpe Kilmer's Sun Briar, Exterminator and Frogtown, George W. Loft's Zenith, J. W. McClelland's External, The Wanderer and Sailor, Edward B. McLean's The Porter, A. K. Macomber's Liberty Loan, Star Hawk and War Cloud.

Howard Marshall's Translate, Frank G. Martin's Friendless, Andrew Miller's Roamer, Oneck Stable's Thunderclap and Elfin Queen, Henry T. Oxnard's The Young Cavalier, J. W. Parrish's Midway, Henry A. Porter's Sous Marine, High Born Lady and Pride of India, Quincy Stable's Yuruari, Commander J. K. L. Ross's Cudgel, Foreground, Boniface, Billy Kelly, War Pennant and Sir Barton, John H. Rosseter's Farmingdale and Passing Shower, Morton L. Schwartz's Enfilade and Audacious, M Shea's Drummond, Frederick Slocum's Star Class, R. B. Strassburger's Bachelor's Hope, The Beach Stable's Sunny Slope, Wilfrid Viau's Omar Khayyam and Westy Hogan, Frank D. Weir's Old Rosebud, Edward M. Weld's L'Effare, H. P. Whitney's Blue Laddie, Bayard, Headstrong and Vindex, George D. Widener's Lanius, J. E. Widener's Trompe la Mort and Naturalist.

Equine Stars Which Are Likely to Start in Early Features of New Racing Season Here.

Veteran Horsemen Predict Great Turf Season Here

THOMAS HEALEY, trainer for Richard T. Wilson—There are no ifs or ands about it, this will be the greatest season the American turf has ever seen. Everything in the racing game has progressed like all other things in the country. The horses will be better, the jockeys better, the crowds larger and the sport more thrilling than ever before.

WILLIAM KARRICK, trainer for W. R. Coe—I look for an exceptionally fine racing season. It promises to be the best since the repeal of the Hart-Agnew law in 1908. I think the thoroughbreds of to-day are as good as any I have ever seen.

WILLIAM HOGAN, trainer for P. A. Clark—The racegoing public may look forward to seeing some of the greatest three-year-olds and juveniles the country has ever seen. I expect to see every course filled to capacity almost every day this season. It will be a great racing year in every respect.

MAX HIRSCH, trainer for George W. Loft—The war helped rather than hurt the quality of thoroughbreds in this country. Many were imported during the conflict that otherwise would have been lost to America. The stock we now have is better than ever before, and I look for it to improve each year; 1919 will be a banner year for horsemen and all lovers of the thoroughbred.

JAMES FITZSIMMONS, trainer for Herbert L. Pratt, Joseph E. Davis and the Quincy Stable—If we had a few more top-notch jockeys, I would say that 1919 would be the greatest year the American turf has yet known. The horses are as good as any we have ever had and the absence of betting has not hurt the sport one bit. Most of the owners are high class sportsmen, who prefer to see their colors in front than to win a wager.

JERRY CARROLL, trainer for Howard Marshall—I have every reason to believe that this year will bring the best racing the Eastern turf has known. There are an abundance of good horses and almost every owner and trainer is confident he has the best. Such confidence is bound to bring about stirring contests and to see good races record crowds will turn out.

LOUIS FEUSTEL, trainer for Samuel Riddle—There are more than a thousand good thoroughbreds in and around New York, and the battle for supremacy in the different divisions will be so keen that stirring sport is assured. The American public want high class racing and they are going to get it this season. I think 1919 will be a record breaker in attendance, stirring contests and sportsmanship.

JIM BODEN, trainer of the Triple Springs Farms; Mike Daly, trainer for Walter M. Jeffords; Jack Joyner, trainer for Joseph E. Widener; Tom Welsh, trainer for George D. Widener; William Garth, trainer for Ral Parr; Otto Rasch, trainer for T. P. Thorne; Albert Simons, trainer for Harry Payne Whitney, and Guy Bedwell, trainer for Commander J. K. L. Ross, join in predicting that the racing season of 1919 will be the best since 1908.

Spring Box Holders at Belmont Park

THE season box holders for the spring meeting at Belmont Park, announced yesterday follow:

Richard T. Wilson, Jr., H. K. Knapp, Archibald Barklie, W. R. Coe, Morton L. Schwartz, Frederick Johnson, A. K. Macomber, Payne Whitney, E. H. Hough, W. G. Street, Commander J. K. L. Ross, George D. Widener, A. McL. Earlocker, Walter J. Salmon, George D. Smith, John H. Rosseter, Benjamin Block, Harry M. Stevens, George W. Loft, Edward M Weld, Willis Sharpe Kilmer, Samuel D. Riddle, Robert L. Gerry, Middleton S. Burrill, John Sanford, H. P. Case, Alex Smith Cochran, Edward F. Whitney, H. O. Talmadge, James Rowe and Paul G. Browne.

WILLIAMS OUT TO REPEAT.

Will Try to Duplicate No Hit Feat Against Shipbuilders.

The Eagles of The Bronx have taken their place among the leading semi-professional baseball clubs in this section and will tackle another hard proposition this afternoon, when they will be featured with the Lincoln Giants in one of the two games at Olympic Field in Harlem. Billy Gibson, the boxing impresario, is handling the Eagles. The team's rooters will parade to the grounds in fifteen autos. In the other contest the Lincoln Giants will go after the scalps of the Downey Shipbuilders, who have a minor league lineup. Holbourn and Joe Williams will pitch the feature game. Williams last Sunday pitched a no hit no run contest.

Willard's Reduced Weight Does Not Insure Victory

By CROSS COUNTER.

Wafted on balmy breezes from the sunny slopes of California come reassuring assertions as to the physical condition of Jess Willard, heavyweight champion of the world. The tall Kansan, according to the whispering zephyrs from the coast, is not fat. Neither is he loggy. In fact he closely resembles the Willard who gained the verdict over Jack Johnson at Havana four years ago. He is said to be active in movement, clear eyed, flexible of muscle and tireless.

Special stress is laid on the declaration that the champion carries no superfluous fat, and photographs have been submitted as evidence that he is in excellent condition, the inference being drawn that Willard being physically fit must perforce win the battle from Dempsey.

This is a pleasing view of the situation from the standpoint of the champion and his admirers, but it is not sustained by the facts of pugilistic history.

Jeffries was outwardly in good physican condition when he entered the ring with Johnson at Reno, but the former champion was wofully deficient in vitality and was easily beaten.

Jim Corbett trained carefully for six months for his first bout with Jeffries at Coney Island, and was lighter in weight than ever before. Corbett looked trained to the minute, and for twenty rounds outpointed Jeff by 1,000 to 0. Suddenly Corbett's exhausted vitality asserted itself and he practically collapsed of his own efforts.

Title Within His Grasp.

Had he possessed enough stamina to have enabled him to last twenty-five rounds, he would have regained the heavyweight championship, as Jeffries did not lay a glove on Corbett till the latter became weakened through his own endeavors. In his youth Corbett skipped about with Peter Jackson for sixty-one rounds and never drew a long breath. Corbett also pummelled Sullivan for twenty-one rounds without turning a hair.

Many similar cases are on record, and while the admirers of Willard may argue that the champion never has done anything calculated to injure his stamina, yet his absence from the ring for four years would have the effect of decreasing by 50 per cent. his efficiency as a boxer.

The champion unquestionably has lost a large amount of the speed he possessed, and he never was particularly noted for agility. It is a well known fact that trainers of boxers are decidedly in favor of a few genuine bouts previous to a crucial contest as a means of perfecting a boxer's judgment of distance. No matter how many sparring partners a boxer may have, the hitting is necessarily perfunctory, and the eye and arms are not trained as to distance.

It is also questionable if Willard will again possess the vitality that marked him when he entered the ring for the battle with Johnson, and the lack of fighting form, speed and strength would be a serious handicap to the champion when opposed by a man like Dempsey.

The challenger is the speediest man with hands and feet since Jim Corbett was in his prime; he is the hardest hitter since Fitz was in the knockout business, and he is as aggressive as Sullivan in his early days. This is a combination that Willard's bulk cannot withstand.

The suggestion has been made that if the bout between Willard and Dempsey lasts twelve rounds, and the champion is on his feet, the decision of the referee will not go against the title holder. One student of the subject puts the proposition in these words: "If Willard should be in good shape at the end of the bout, even though Dempsey might have slightly the better of the milling on points, it is hard to believe a referee will take away a world's championship from him. It has never been done before." It seems incredible that any referee would deprive Dempsey of the title if the challenger defeated the champion on points. In consenting to meet Dempsey in a twelve-round bout the champion puts his title at stake, and if he was beaten on points it would be nothing short of robbery to decide against the winner.

In the barbarous London rules period, it was a difficult matter to get a decision against a title holder, because even if beaten, his partisans would start a brawl and break up the contest. There were many cases in those days of a champion being so severely beaten he could not answer the call of time, but a disturbance by the friends of the title holder interrupted the bout.

Since the Queensbury rules superseded the London code, many titles have changed hands on the result of decisions on points.

Titles Changed on Points.

Kid Lavigne lost the world's lightweight championship to Frank Erne on a referee's decision at the end of 20 rounds, and Abe Attell lost the featherweight title of America to Kilbane on a referee's decision at the end of a 20 round bout.

Jack Britton lost the welter title to Kid Lewis on a decision on points in a 20 round bout, and Battling Levinsky won the light heavyweight title from Dillon on a 15 round decision on points.

Kid Williams lost the world's bantam title to Pete Herman in a 20 round bout to a decision.

Therefore it has been done, and any referee who would refuse the decision to Dempsey on points, if he earned it, would deserve to be barred from the ring for all time.

Frank Darcy's Status.

Dave Smith, former middleweight champion of Australia, who is trying to make a champion out of Frank Darcy, brother of the late Les Darcy, says: "I have had many people telling me they were disappointed at Frank Darcy's showing. They and others in the immense crowd who witnessed the bout expected to see a replica of his famous brother as they knew him last. Few people know, or stop to think, of the many bouts Les had before we saw him stripped for action at the Stadium against Holland. He had boxed in the hard school tournament bouts in Newcastle, and also fought Billy McNab, Regio Whitelaw and others in that city. He also had two successful fights at Newtown beating Jack Clarke and Young Hanley.

"'Tis hard to compare Frank with his famous brother thus early, but wait till I have this boy in instructional work for a year, and then he will make you all sit up and take notice. Frank knows as well as the spectators that he is only a novice, and has a lot to learn, but his heart is in his work, and he is out to win, if strict attention to lessons and training will help him any. His daily labor has not matured him as quickly as it did his brother, but time will tell if he will reach the high plane poor old Les attained."

HORSEMEN SUGGEST HELP FOR CASSIDY

Want Jockey Club to Employ a Second Starter on the Local Tracks.

WORK IS NERVE RACKING

A host of prominent horsemen will request the Jockey Club to employ two starters instead of one on the metropolitan tracks this season. They will point out to the turf authorities that the task of sending away big fields of high spirited thoroughbreds on even terms day in and day out is too much for any one man and that the need of another man to relieve Mars Cassidy at regular intervals is necessary for the good of the sport.

No turfman ever has as much as intimated that Cassidy ever showed any favoritism. None ever has questioned his honesty or ability. He is as good a starter as there is on the American turf and has no interest in any horse. He doesn't care which horse wins and never even looks at a field after he sends it on its journey.

But the job is a hard one, too hard for any one man. It tends to wreck one's nerves, and horsemen declare that even a nerveless man like Mr. Cassidy is bound to falter under the strain.

For more than a decade Mr. Cassidy has done almost all the starting on the Eastern tracks and as a whole his work has been satisfactory to the public, owners and trainers. But almost every season there comes a time when he seems to lose his grip on his job and earns the wrath of thousands of racegoers by sending his fields away from the barrier in ragged fashion.

In some instances the trainers are to blame as much as the jockeys, for there are some trainers who instruct their boys to get away winging. Others, such as James Fitzsimmons, Thomas Healey, Max Hirsch and William Hogan, tell their boys to try to help the starter and thereby help themselves.

To employ a second starter would cost only a small sum, and as the season promises to be a record breaker it is likely that the Jockey Club will accept the suggestion.

WILL START POLO AT WHIPPANY RIVER

Annual Tournament of Club of Morristown Begins To-morrow.

Five teams are entered for the polo tournament of the Whippany River Club, Morristown, N. J., which opens to-morrow, for cups presented by Mrs. Charles Pfizer. They are the Whippany Whips, who will include Dr. J. D. Richards, Dr. H. B. Blackmore and Robert A. Grannis; Camden Wanderers, Herman S. Crossman, Jason Waters, Jr., and E. W. Hopping; Westchester Freebooters, G. C. Sherman and Archie Kinney; Rumson Rovers and the Essex Foxhunters, to be captained by Philip Hauck, Jr.

Although announced as a tournament for teams of four under the Polo Association handicaps, as the teams are made up mainly of Whippany River Club members H. L. Herbert has accorded permission to them to set their own handicap ratings. The game each day will begin at 5:30 o'clock. The draw is as follows:

Monday, Whippany Whips vs. Camden Wanderers; Tuesday, Rumson Rovers vs. Essex Foxhunters; Wednesday, Westchester Freebooters vs. winners of Monday; Thursday, consolation game; losers of Monday and Tuesday; Saturday, finals.

James C. Cooley, after the Meadow Brook tournament, will leave for the Army Officers School of Instruction, which is to be maintained at Plattsburg, N. Y., and will act there as coach for the military polo teams. Polo will be developed there as part of the instruction for cavalry officers. Cooley expects to go there on July 1.

"TREAT 'EM ROUGHS" DEBUT.

Guy Empey Team Plays Two Games at Dyckman Oval To-day.

The Maroons, who have been bought by Arthur Guy Empey and hereafter will be known as the "Treat 'Em Roughs," will play two games at Dyckman Oval, near the 207th street subway station, to-day. The first game will be with the Chesters and the second with the Ironsides, champions of Newark.

Dyckman Oval has been turned into a regular ball park, the stands have been covered, a turf infield laid out and other improvements made that will surprise uptown fans. Each Sunday before and during the games a band concert will be offered by the "Treat 'Em Rough" Military Band.

The first game to-day will be called promptly at 2 o'clock. In the Treat 'Em Rough lineup will be many of the old Maroons, with several new stars, with a staff of four well known pitchers.

FLEET THREE-YEAR-OLDS IN PREAKNESS

Eternal, Vindex and Dunboyne to Race for $25,000 Stake at Pimlico Wednesday.

SIR BARTON ALSO TO RUN

Terentia, Sweep On, American Ace and Drummond Will Face Barrier.

BALTIMORE, Md., May 10.—The Preakness, $25,000 added, a race of one mile and a furlong for three-year-olds and the richest thoroughbred event in added money that will be decided on American tracks all season, will be renewed at Pimlico on Wednesday. It will have a gross value of upward of $30,000, for there are upward of 100 smart colts and fillies—geldings may not start in the Preakness—eligible to start, and of these some twelve or fifteen have given unmistakable evidence that they are good enough to take part in the country's greatest three-year-old event.

The starting fee is $500 and is one of the perquisites of the winner. In pursuance of a practice adopted four or five years ago the Maryland Jockey Club has provided rewards for the first four horses at the finish—$2,000 to the second, $2,000 to the third and $1,000 to the fourth, all to be deducted from the added money. However, with twelve starters the winner's compensation will be $25,000, the full added money value of the race.

Barring the geldings, Billy Kelly, Be Frank and St. Bernard, and the Ashland Oaks winner, Regalo, which seems to be something of a filly, the Preakness will attract this season all the three-year-old talent. It is questionable indeed whether another such race will be staged all season. The great horses are ready because handlers of thoroughbreds have enjoyed exceptional training weather since the first of January. The unusual value of the purse has stimulated all horsemen to do their best with their candidates.

A Wonderful Field.

The most prominent of the potential starters, horses whose recent achievements on the tracks have brought them into the racing spotlight, are of course Vindex, Eternal, Dunboyne, Sir Barton and Terentia. These are the Preakness candidates that will deserve the greatest consideration in the betting and get it.

Eternal, Vindex and Sir Barton are coming East from Louisville, where they went a fortnight back to start in the Kentucky Derby, and they are trained to the minute.

Eternal, a son of Sweep and Hazel Burke, the conqueror of Billy Kelly in the John R. McLean memorial cup, the juvenile championship race of 1918, is regarded by many of the shrewdest of American trainers as the greatest three-year-old colt on the continent.

Vindex, the half-American half-British—his sire was the English thoroughbred St. Victrix, his dam the American mare Bellefontaine, a daughter of Watercress and Hamburg Belle—champion of the stable of Harry Payne Whitney, is considered by James Rowe to be as clever a three-year-old as has carried the silks of the proprietor of the Brookdale stud. Rowe makes no secret of his belief that Vindex can do anything Johren did last season, and about twice as well. Johren, it will be recalled, won the Belmont Stakes, the Suburban Handicap, the Saratoga Cup, the Latonia Derby and the Lawrence Realization.

Dunboyne, winner of the Futurity Stakes at Belmont Park last September, trained brilliantly at Belmont Park in the spring. Unluckily the public trial for the Preakness this light footed son of Celt and Worldmaid was to have had in an overnight race at Pimlico last Tuesday was spoiled when Dunboyne unseated Jockey Ensor at the starting gate. But the Celt colt proved his fitness immediately after the finish of this race by galloping a mile in 1:40 2-5, which was just one and three-fifths seconds quicker time than Sweep On won in.

The Ross Entry.

Sir Barton, a son of Star Shoot and Lady Sterling and a half-brother of Sir Martin, the American two-year-old champion of 1908, is easily the best looking and fastest three-year-old colt in the stable of Commander J. K. L. Ross of Montreal. War Pennant, the Walden Stakes winner of last season, has not trained satisfactorily for the Preakness. Terentia, a superb daughter of Cicero and Queenlet, belonging to W. R. Coe, has been hailed by the Belmont Park trainers who have seen her work as another Beldame or another Artful.

Candidates of lesser distinction, but performers of merit nevertheless, are Mr. Coe's Sweep On, the best looking three-year-old that has come to Maryland from Belmont Park and the conqueror of Old Rosebud in the race in which Dunboyne unseated Ensor; Edward Cebrian's California-bred flier American Ace, W. Shea's Drummond, Henry A. Porter's Pride of India and High Born Lady, the former an own brother of Dominant, juvenile hero of American racing in 1915; the Brookside Stable's King Plaudit, a $7,000 yearling; Howard Marshall's Translate, Samuel Ross's Sea Rock and J. H. Rosseter's Passing Shower.

Passing Shower won the Spinaway Stakes at Saratoga last summer. She has come up from the South with a Hot Springs preparation.

Translate, until a few days ago a member of the Morris-Walden stable, is a son of Transvaal and Eustace. Eustace was an own sister of that brilliant mare Kathleen. Translate astonished a bunch of exacting trainers at Pimlico the other day by working a mile in 1:39 2-5, a mile and a furlong in 1:53 4-5 and a mile and a quarter in 2:09. It was because of this work that Mr. Marshall paid Robert J. Walden $10,000 for Translate.

The Preakness will be the first great race in which Translate will race under the Marshall silks.

Sea Rock is a trim son of Vulcain and Sea Spray, which trained at Bennings track, and Drummond is a son of Ogden and Quebec, which developed Derby form a New Orleans and Hot Springs.

BUSHWICKS' DOUBLE BILL.

Will Play Royal Giants at Dexter Park This Afternoon.

The double header between the Bushwicks and Royal Giants at Dexter Park this afternoon should furnish some of the best baseball of the season. With "Cannon Ball" Dick Redding and "Mountain" Hubbard of the colored stars opposing Kimball, ex-Detroit slabster, and Maloney for the Bushwicks, two good pitching duels should be on tap.

The Royals as well as the Bushwicks are clouting the ball at a good clip and the twirlers will have to show their best wares to hold the reins. The first game will be called at 2 o'clock. The Bushwicks last Sunday played before a record crowd.

GEERS READY FOR ANOTHER CAMPAIGN

Veteran Reinsman Has 27 Trotters and Five Pacers in His Memphis Stable.

"POP" IN GAME SINCE '71

Held Ribbons Over Hal Pointer, Single G., The Harvester and Other Equine Stars.

Ed. F. ("Pop") Geers, dean of the Grand Circuit reinsman and probably the most popular teamster that ever pulled a rein over a trotter or pacer, is preparing at Memphis for another campaign down the big line.

Geers recently celebrated his sixty-eighth birthday, and for almost half a century has been in the limelight as a race driver—for forty-eight years, to be exact. But the "grand old man of the sulky" is old in years only. Though twisted and crippled by numerous spills, one would think him a youngster to see him climb into the sulky each morning during the workouts at the Memphis Driving Park.

"Pop" evidently has more stamina than many a younger man. He is training one of the biggest stables in the country, and from early morning until noon is constantly riding the big mile oval in a springless sulky or cart, something that will tax the staying power of any man.

"Pop" is evidently in the best of health and is looking forward to another prosperous year, in fact the biggest year he has enjoyed for some seasons. His stable is composed of thirty-two, twenty-seven trotter and five pacers, and Geers believes that several will prove among the best horses of 1919.

Geers drove his first race when 26. Then in the fall of 1871 he appeared at Lebanon with the Morgan stallion, Little Dave, and drove him to victory in the good time of 3:04.

It is a far cry from Little Dave and the high wheeled sulky to "Pop's" later achievements with Single G. 1:58¾. The Harvester 2:01 and Napoleon Direct 1:59¾. But still "Pop" is not satisfied and is looking forward to riding some more miles in two minutes or better.

Since the early '80s when he went to the front with Mattie Hunter, 2:12¾, until the present day, Geers has occupied a rather unique place in the harness world. He is unquestionably the idol of the masses and has had a wonderful following year after year.

As the seasons went by Pop gained national fame as a race driver and developer of champions. Not only has he taken the world's single harness records, both trotting and pacing, but he has also captured the team records at both gaits and in addition holds the world's triplicate team record won in one of the most spectacular events in the history of the harness sport.

This last achievement occurred in 1893, when he drove Belle Hamlin, Justina and Globe a mile in 2:14 hitched three abreast to a high four wheeled skeleton wagon.

Geers won the two and three mile trotting championships respectively with The Harvester and Nightingale.

Came North in '78.

Geers shipped his first stable north in 1878, and his first 2:30 trotter was Alice West. In his first race on the Grand Circuit in 1881 he won with the trotter Annie W. Hal Pointer was placed in his care in 1888 and Brown Hal in 1889, both of which he developed into world's champions.

In 1891 Geers engaged to handle the Village Farm horses for C. J. Hamlin and remained in that position until the dissolution of the farm ten years later. During that period Geers became recognized as one of the foremost of American drivers and has since remained as one of the "big four" of the Grand Circuit.

In 1904 Geers located permanently at Memphis, Tenn., which place has since been his headquarters, and judging from current report Memphis trained trotters and pacers will be big factors this year in mile track racing.

For although Geers has had some of the greatest horses the world has seen and has won almost a million and a half in purses, his 1919 string seems to be the best balanced outfit he has ever prepared.

Geers is excellently fortified in the trots and fairly well set in the pacers. June Red, Heir Reaper and Peter June will be his reliances in the fast trots. Golden Spier and The Triumph are the ones that he will count on mainly in the big money features—the 2:08 trots—while Heglar and Fred C. Todd have been nominated in the slow events.

Dudette, Peter Ryan, Prodigal Watts, Tallahaachie, Harvest Horn and Eutah are his two-year-old futurity candidates, while Tom Bigbee and Wicki Wicki are his most prominent three-year-olds. He also has Wicki Nui, Charley Hazzard and Frank G. Jones to insert in the three-year-old events if desirable.

Napoleon Direct, if he trains up, will be one of the biggest contenders in the free for all paces, while Betty Blacklock, Himefast and Goldie Todd are pacers of far more than ordinary merit. Noble Argot is his candidate for the three-year-old pacing futurities.

In fact those are not all the good ones that Geers has. Silvado has trotted in 2:08¾ and looks a future great, and there are some more of the same calibre in the stable. Just how many Geers will bring North to the races is not known, but it looks as if he will have a campaigning stable of twenty or more.

Pop's Stable.

The complete list of the horses now in the Geers stable at Memphis is:

TROTTERS.

Heir Reaper, 2:05¾, blk. h., by Early Reaper.
The Triumph, 2:10¼, by The Exponent.
Fred C. Todd, 2:16¾, by Lorenzo Todd.
Silvado, 2:08¾, by Walnut Hall.
Mamie Locke, 2:12¾, by Gorden Todd.
Big Boy (6), green trotter, by Shawbay.
Kerrigan, 2:11¾, by Axworthy.
Miss Clare May (5), green trotter, by Warner Hall.
Wiki Wiki (2), 2:12¾, now (3), by Anvil.
Wicki Nui (2), 2:17¾, now (3), by Etawah.
Dudette (2), by Etawah—Dudie Archdale.
Tom Bigbee (2), 2:20, now (3), by Etawah.
Cordette (2), by Etawah—Eva Cord.
Peter June, 2:06¾, by Peter the Great.
Tallahatchie (2), by Etawah—Hillbrook Queen.
Golden Spier, 2:09¾, by Directum Spier.
Mollie Knight (2), 2:22, now (3), by Gen. Watts.
Heglar (4), by Hedgewood Boy—Etta R.
Charlie Hazzard (3), by Trampfast.
Prodigal Watts (2), by Gen. Watts—Margaret Kinney.
Frank G. Jones (2), by Etawah.
Don De Lopez, 2:08¼, by Kinney De Lopez.
Celt the Great (4), by Celt—Cherry Field.
Eutah (2), by Etawah-Mayflower.
Peter Ryan (2), by Peter Volo—Susie Stout.
June Red, 2:05¼, by Red Medium.
Harvest Horn (2), by The Harvester—Ruth Irona.

PACERS.

Napoleon Direct, 1:59¾, by Walter Direct.
Goldie Todd (5), by Todd Ma.
Himefast, 2:17¼, by Trampfast.
Noble Argot (3), The Abbe—Argot Hall.
Betty Blacklock, 2:09¼, by Blacklock.