

THE KING OF HARNESS HORSES.

Robert J. Wears That Proud Title.

Nancy Hanks, Mascot and Flying Jib Dethroned.

Hamilton's Great Pacer Reels Off a Mile in 2:03 1/4—All and Fantasy Also Go Against Time.

Summaries.

By the Associated Press.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Aug. 31.—Mascot, Flying Jib and Nancy Hanks have been dethroned, and Robert J. stands today the king of harness horses. The great son of Hartford, driven by Ed Geers, today made the fastest mile ever paced in harness, lowering the world's record of 2:04 to 2:03 1/4.

In addition to the three regular events, the card contained three specials. The track was in excellent condition and the weather warm, with a light breeze.

Lady Hovick was the first to attempt to beat her time of 2:15 1/2, and she clipped off one-fourth second.

Then came All. The immense crowd was deeply interested when Driver McDowell nodded to Starter Walker for the start, and away went the little mare at a clipping rate, and without a skip pulled in under the wire in her record time.

Fantasy, 2:07 1/2, next caused enthusiasm by pulling off the half second and giving herself a new record of 2:07. Then came the event of the day. Excitement was at fever heat when it was announced that Robert J. would go. Geers appeared confident he would equal his record, yet hardly any one expected the wonderful termination.

After about 10 minutes spent in warming him up, Geers flew down the track with a running mate hanging on his wheel. But the silent man was not fully satisfied, and the word was not given. Again Geers scored down the track, and as he neared the starter's stand Robert J. was as steady as a clock and going like the wind. Geers nodded for the word. Starter Walker gave it and Robert J. shot forward like an express train. On the first quarter he sped in 30 1/2. Everybody watched the half, and when that was paced in 1:01 1/2 the nerves of the 5000 people were wrought to the highest tension. Geers slowed up just a trifle, but when the three-quarters post was passed in 1:35 1/2, all were certain a world's record would be broken. Geers again let the great horse out as he swung in the home stretch. Down he came like the wind and crossed the wire in 2:03 1/4, making the last quarter in just 30 seconds.

The crowd was almost breathless until the wire was crossed, and as the time was caught up by hundreds of watches, one mighty shout rent the air and it was a most enthusiastic demonstration that took place. Cheers were given for Geers, for Robert J., for Hamilton, his owner, and for the track.

SUMMARY.

Class 2:20, pace, \$500.—Guerrilla won third, fourth and fifth heats in 2:13, 2:10 1/2, 2:10 1/2; Hustler Russell won the first and second heats in 2:12 1/2 and 2:12 1/2. Freehold and three others also started. In the first heat Anderson Belle dropped dead.

Free for all, trotting, \$1000.—Phoebe Wilkes won the third, fourth and fifth heats; time, 2:14 1/2, 2:11 1/2, 2:11 1/2. Nightingale won the second in 2:12 1/2, and Belle Vera won the first in 2:11. Ryland T. was dethroned.

Class 2:14, pacing, \$1000.—Dr. Sperry won first and second heats; time, 2:10, 2:09; T. N. B. won the third in 2:11 1/2; Rowdy Joe, Angie D. and nine others started.

Special—Lady Hovick to beat 2:10 1/2, went in 2:10 1/2.

All to beat 2:05 1/4, went in 2:05 1/4. Robert J., to beat 2:04, went in 2:03 1/4. Fantasy, to beat 2:07 1/2, went in 2:07.

CHARTER OAK RACES.

HARTFORD, Conn., Aug. 31.—Only 2000 people saw the races at Charter Oak today. The racing was as good as any seen on the grounds of the Grand circuit, every event being a bona fide race from start to finish. The 2:20 trot for the Hartford guarantee stakes, \$5000, and the free for all pace were the races of the day. The match between Miss Mullen and Miss Ross was declared off.

Summaries:

Class 2:30 trotting, Hartford guarantee stakes, \$5000.—All won the third, fourth and fifth heats and race in 2:13 1/2, 2:13, 2:14. Carl Don took the first and second heats in 2:12 and 2:12 1/2. Rose Leaf, Queen O. Darlington, Tomah and Ora also started.

Free for all, pace, \$1000.—Guy won fourth, fifth and sixth heats and race. Time, 2:10, 2:13, 2:12. Mascot took the second and third in 2:08 1/2 and 2:08 1/2. Will Kerr took the first in 2:08 1/2.

Three year old trot, stake \$1000.—Margie won second and third heats; time, 2:26, 2:25 1/2. St. Felix won the first in 2:27.

Free-for-all, trotting, 2-year-olds, stakes \$350.—Lady Aleo won both heats. Time, 2:37, 2:37 1/2. Ellie Foley also started.

AT INDEPENDENCE.

INDEPENDENCE, Ia., Aug. 31.—The track was fast and the weather favorable.

Class 2:17, trotting, purse (concluded)—Vina Medium won the second, fourth and fifth heats in 2:14 1/2, 2:14 1/2, 2:14 1/2. Senate won the first and third heats. Time, 2:13 1/2, 2:13 1/2. Eryenne and three others also started.

Class 2:20, pace, purse \$1000.—Ella T. won in straight heats. Time, 2:14 1/2, 2:13 1/2, 2:14 1/2. George S. Loran T. and eight others also started.

Class 2:50, trot, purse \$1000.—Onaqua won in straight heats. Time, 2:18 1/2, 2:17 1/2, 2:17 1/2. Lenora, Troublesome and five others also started.

Class 2:20, trot, purse \$1000 (unfinished)—Celerina won the third and fourth heats. Time, 2:15, 2:15 1/2. Elfin Wood won the first heat in 2:16 1/2. Milton won the second heat in 2:16. Glenmore and six others also started.

AT HARTLEM.

HARTLEM, Aug. 31.—Five furlongs—Nebuchadnezzar won, Remorse second, Scamp third; time, 1:03 1/2.

Six furlongs—Tim Murphy won, Mollie R. second, Zenobia third; time, 1:14 1/2.

Six furlongs—Hacienda won, Merritt second, Sweetheart third; time, 1:15.

RESULTS AT WOODLAND.

WOODLAND, Cal., Aug. 31.—Hervey Mack smashed another record, and is now king of the coast 2-year-olds. He made the circuit on the first attempt, without a skip, in 2:18. Following are the results:

Pacing (finished), 2:35 class—Ketchum, 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108 109 110 111 112 113 114 115 116 117 118 119 120 121 122 123 124 125 126 127 128 129 130 131 132 133 134 135 136 137 138 139 140 141 142 143 144 145 146 147 148 149 150 151 152 153 154 155 156 157 158 159 160 161 162 163 164 165 166 167 168 169 170 171 172 173 174 175 176 177 178 179 180 181 182 183 184 185 186 187 188 189 190 191 192 193 194 195 196 197 198 199 200 201 202 203 204 205 206 207 208 209 210 211 212 213 214 215 216 217 218 219 220 221 222 223 224 225 226 227 228 229 230 231 232 233 234 235 236 237 238 239 240 241 242 243 244 245 246 247 248 249 250 251 252 253 254 255 256 257 258 259 260 261 262 263 264 265 266 267 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