FIRE LEVELS BARN AT SCARBOROUGH DOWNS!

by
Jean Emerson

"Get up! Get up! Barn G is on fire!" screamed Dot Armstrong over the loudspeaker from the Race Secretary's Office to those on the backstretch at Scarborough Downs at 2:45 A.M. on August 20.

Tuesday, the dark day at the Downs, is the one day of the week that horsemen can take a break and relax, and Don Thomas who was returning early Wednesday morning from Old Orchard Beach rolled into the barn area to see flames shooting from the far end of the tack room in Barn G. Realizing immediately that sixteen year old, Terry Ammann was asleep not thirty feet from the flames, he screamed awakening the dazed girl who stumbled out into the alleyway. Almost instantly flames engulfed the area where she had been sleeping moments before.

By this time the noise had awakened those in the travel trailers directly in back of Barn G. Dot Armstrong took one look and knew in an instant that she must do as she had been instructed by the Scarborough management in case of fire. She rushed immediately to the Race Secretary's Office to alert those in the area and to call the Scarborough Fire Department.

Backstretch personnel hurried to the scene at Barn G, as Dot continued to scream over and loudspeaker warning everyone of the danger.

Tom Vanestine located nearby and wasted no time getting to the twenty-three horses stabled in the burning barn. As others arrived they helped to lead them to safety.

Billy Parker and others in the nearby barns were working furiously to evacuate all their horses, as flames and sparks lighted the entire area. The heat was so intense that they couldn't open the stall doors without burning their hands.

Jim Richardson was sleeping in the tack room at the far end of Barn G about 300 feet from the outbreak. He tried to save as much as possible but in less than twenty minutes the entire barn was flattened except for a small section at the very end.

We are thankful that no lives were lost, but saddened by the fact that three horses died in the flames and smoke. Lady Lana N., Loyal Spin and Linx Hobbs perished in the fire when they ran back into their stalls, and Scott's Goose was burned so badly he may not survive. In addition, the loss of equipment and personal belongings will take days to estimate.

By 9:00 A.M., firefighters were still playing hoses on the smoking remains while bulldozers removed some of the debris. For hours people had reacted to the emergency and now they were dazed and shocked by the realization of how much worse it could have been.

Manager, Lloyd Johnson and security personnel were on the scene from the beginning and Horsemen's Representatives, Bert Pernald and Dick Howard were offering financial aid to those who had been wiped out by the blaze.

However, harness racing is a demanding business and normal routine is quick to assert itself. It wasn't long before I heard someone yell across the alley, "Tom, do you have a breast plate I could borrow?" It's a mixture of carnival and theater—from the shouting of "Hey, Rube!" to the "show must go on." We have learned to help each other—it's what makes this business unique.

All that remains of 50 stall Barn G at Scarborough Downs.
AN EDITORIAL

Dear Friends:

It pleases me to report that the first issue of The Northeast Harness News was very well received by racing patrons and horsemen.

At the present time we are in the process of attempting to establish an acceptable format for the future. The return of the opinion poll indicates that readers would be interested in a classified section. We hope to include this on a regular basis in the near future.

In this issue we hope you enjoy "Vet Views." Doc Hutchins has chosen a very timely subject, the Cohan Bill, which would practically wipe out harness racing in this area.

Duncan MacDonald of Bangor Raceway gets the nod in this issue from reporter, Ken Ward, and as an added attraction, we have done a short profile on the young trainer, Dave Cochere.

Our next issue will go to press sometime before the first of the year, and we will be accepting advertising from now on, to help defray our costs.

We would like to thank Scarborough Downs, as they have been very supportive financially, and also have been the key to distributing over 5,000 copies of the Northeast Harness News that went out during the first two weeks in July. It is now hoped that other tracks will assist us financially through advertising, until we are more securely established.

One thing that we have come to realize, is that there is a wealth of interesting information on harness racing readily available right here in New England.

We hope you will enjoy this issue of the Northeast Harness News ---- remember letters to the Editor are always welcome!

Jean Emerson, Editor
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THE STARTING GATE awaits the field in front of the OFFICIALS STAND.

"AT THE HALF" it's anybody's guess!

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MAINE STANDARDBRED BREEDERS AND OWNERS ASSOCIATION
MEETING AND FARM PICNIC

July 27, 1980

Jodi Libbey, Reporter

The annual Farm Picnic/Meeting was held again this year at Chinbro Farm in Pittsfield, Maine. It started raining during the morning, but this did not dampen the spirits of the group. After the meeting a chicken barbeque was held at the site of the Broiler Festival where the high tents afforded protection from the rain. The skies cleared in the afternoon and harness racing was conducted. Officials are as follows:

Judges: Ruth King & Marion Taylor
Announcer: Bill Edwards
Starter: Don Watson

The field lined up as follows:

1. First Count -- Ray Boyington
2. Ms. Moxie -- Roosevelt Susi
3. Plymouth Mac -- Gerald MacKenzie
4. Winsome Pick -- William Watentine
5. Sand Hill Sam -- Glen Taylor

The winner was Winsome Pick in 2:13.1. He received a new halter as first prize. This is his second year in the winner's circle with owner/trainer/driver William Watentine.

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We are sad to report the death of Tom Johnson, 59, on August 3rd. Tom was well known throughout the East as he maintained a very successful stable, for many years. Some of his track record holders here in Maine included T.B.J.P.1:59.2, Terri’s Lucky Lady p.2:02.3 and Fly Fly Lucky p.2:00.3. He was assisted in the harness racing business by his wife, Virginia and children Todd and Terri.

Just a reminder that there will be another Maine Standardbred Breeders & Owners meeting early in October to complete the unfinished business from the farm/picnic, location will be announced at a later date.

Stallion owners please remember that you must report all mares bred in 1980 to the U.S.T.A. before Sept. 1 and to the Maine Racing Commission before Oct. 1.

Horsemen will be pleased to hear that things look good for Scarborough Downs to be awarded some winter dates by the Commission.

William Rosenberg has donated Wilrose Farm in East Kingston, N.H. to the University of New Hampshire. The facility will be used basically for livestock and agricultural research programs.

Whispering Pines Stable in Falmouth, Maine has recently built a large new breeding barn. In addition to Skipper Glenn and Trusty Dream, Brooks and Nancy Smith will be standing Traveling Boy for Iva Gray.

The New England Harness Writers Association will be having its annual Banquet at Foxboro Raceway on Monday, Sept. 22. Maine native, Norman Woolworth, of Stoner Creek Stud will be inducted into their “Hall of Fame.”

Clayton Smith Race Secretary - Scarborough Downs

Rules of racing mandate that all horses racing at parimutuel tracks must meet certain standards to insure that they are competitive.

The first requirement is that they must show a charted line. This charted line comes from participating in a qualifying race.

Qualifying races are conducted regularly at most tracks. The participants in these qualifying races consist of horses who are required to show an initial charted line or who are attempting to rectify performances in previous races that do not meet the required standards: ie. horses that have made breaks in consecutive races, horses that have through poor performance distanced twice, horses because of lameness that have not started for a period of thirty to forty days.

The qualifying race is not to be confused with the “official workout” where a horse already racing is expected to go a mile relative to his usual speed.

The general purpose of a qualifying race is to insure the public that all horses racing on that day’s program are currently capable of going a competitive performance for that particular track.

Scarborough Downs offers qualifying races regularly throughout the meet on Wednesday and Saturday mornings at 10:30 a.m. - weather permitting. The public is welcome and the racetrack is usually in good attendance in front of the grandstand. These qualifying races are conducted like regular races with officials, timers, starters, etc. - the only difference is that you cannot bet.

AN EXPLANATION OF THE QUALIFYING RACE

Clayton Smith  Race Secretary - Scarborough Downs

The Value of the Watch to the Handicapper.

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There is no hard fast rule to use as regards to the completed warmups. Generally speaking you must clock the warmups of at least five horses in the same race for comparison. An exception could be a race with one or two horses in the field of eight who have not started at the meet. If you are able to time both of these horses in their warmup it should be a great help in handicapping that particular race.

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UNSTABLE SONNY

PROFILE OF A TRAINER: David Cochere

AGE: 21
STATUS: unmarried
HOMETOWN: Litchfield, Maine
SCHOOL: Oak Hill High School
SPORTS: Basketball & Baseball

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CONTROLLED MEDICATION OF THE RACEHORSE:

INTRODUCTION: Any athletic creature, be it man or animal is subject to injury. Injuries must be allowed to heal. Nature and rest are the two best healers, however, man has introduced a third. Many people refer to this as drugging, I as a veterinarian, prefer to call it controlled medication. This allows the injury to heal in a reasonable and proper manner. Medications are necessary and an integral part of horse racing, and in a controlled manner offer few ill effects.

MEDICATIONS: The following is a simplified list of the more common medications used, their function, and effect upon the racehorse.

1. STEROIDS: these steroids have numerous and diversified physiological functions and pharmacological actions. Their main use in the horse are for the reduction of pain, swelling, and inflammation in case of joints, tendons, ligaments, and muscles. Azium (dexametasonone), meticonitin (prednisone), depo (methylprednisolone acetate), and pred (isoflu­predone acetate) are common ones used.

2. NON-STEROIDS: the most common drug in this category is buta­zolidin (bute). This drug has antinflammatory and anti-pyretic effects. This drug is an excellent pain killer and a necessary drug in the horse racing industry.

3. DIURETICS: these are agents which increase the rate of urine flow and therefore decrease total body fluids. These are a potent group of drugs and can have serious side effects. I do not support the use of these drugs on a pre-race basis. The common drugs used here are Lasix (furosemide) and hydrodurt (chlorothiazide). Certain respiratory (condtions) and known bleders appear to benefit by the pre-race use of these drugs. Also by diluting the urine, (i.e. increasing the rate of flow) it is possible to mask other drugs being used illegally.

4. NARCOTICS: these are controlled drugs that are known for their potent anesthetic effects. These drugs can also cause severe depression and or stimulation of the central nervous system. Apomorphine, Sublimaze, Methadone are some of the more common ones used. I do not support the use of these drugs on a pre-race basis.

5. ANESTHETICS (Local and topical): are a group of drugs that block the sensory impulses of pain to a local area. Local anesthetics are topical when applied to the skin surface of a mucous membrane. Procaine, lidocaine, butyn sulfate are some of the drugs commonly used.

6. TRANQUILIZERS: these are a group of drugs that cause mild sedation of the animal, giving a tranquil effect and in some cases loss of pain. The common effect here is to calm the nervous horse or slow down the faster horse. Acepromazine, promazine, and serpasil are the common drugs used in this group.

PRESENT DRUG PROCEDURE: At present Maine operates under the 48 hour rule which, in essence, states that any drug given within 48 hours of race time is illegal and the rule is further extended to mean that a positive test is a violation of the 48 hour drug rule. Butazolidin could be given at eighty hours pre-racing and if detected would be a violation of the 48 hour rule. I feel this is very unfair to the horse trainer. Maine at present only allows the injury to heal in a reasonable and proper manner. Medications are necessary and will always be used. Bills such as the one being co-sponsored by Senator Cole would make it impractical. They have been poorly researched, and do not meet the needs of the racing industry. I also do not see where this bill offers any more protection to the horse, the people directly involved, or the betting public. Any educated person could certainly observe the slantedness of the “60 Minutes” program on racing and the medications used.

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A REVIEW OF THE STAKES
WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

SANDYBROOK VAL presently racing at Scarborough Downs, only Maine-Bred in 1974 Stakes. Pacing Division

HERITAGE CINDY, three-year-old money winner in 1976, with her SKIPPER GLENN weanling filly.

SIS ANETTE, three-year-old trotter award in 1976, with her Texas colt weanling.

ROMEO'S IMAGE, two-year-old filly award 1976, and Precious colt award in 1975, at stud Fella weanling filly.

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Even in the case of bad weather, M/S night had to be classified as a tremendous success. Over $3411 was realized from our combined efforts. Betty Ring handled things in Bangor and Annie Robinson did a great job selling tickets to the horsemen in the paddock.

WINNERS ON M/S NIGHT

I. Carlson -----5lbs. Lobsters
Portland, Maine

A. Butler-----5lbs. Lobsters
South Portland, Maine

D. Connelly-----$1,000
Waltham, Mass.

J. Grover———T.V.
Gorham, Maine

R. Fesh———Moped
Scarborough, Maine

O. Bain———10 speed bike
Greenwich, N.Y.

K. Hodgson———Mr.1000 plate
Scarborough, Maine

FLEXIBLE JACK, two-year-old Standardbred colt, poses with driver, FRANK SMITH, during the M.H.H.A. Maine Mall promotion.
TOM SHEHAN presents trophy to NORTON STABLE for winner ROMIE'S GOLDIE--1979

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MAINE BREEDERS STAKES

FRI., OCTOBER 10 SAT., OCTOBER 11 SUN., OCTOBER 12

NEW ENGLAND STANDARDBRED BREEDER'S ASSOCIATION SHOW

Sunday, September 21, 1980 — 12 Noon

Superintendent: Loring Norton, 613 Blackstrap Road, Falmouth, Me. 04105
Telephone 797-4419

Colts, Fillies and Weanlings must be on the grounds for exhibition in the cattle stalls next to the Pulling Arena by 12 noon, Sunday, September 21st, showing and judging will be at 12:30 p.m. in the Pulling ring.

I. Registration papers must be presented.
II. Exhibitors must be a member of the M.S.B.A.
III. Horses must be from New England owned Mares or Studs.
IV. A Sign clearly stating the name of the Foal, Sire, Dam and Owner, must be on display in the cattle stall.
V. Entries Judged on the following:
   1. Conformation
   2. Condition
   3. Grooming
   4. Manners
VI. Weanlings less than one year
   Colt class
   Filly class
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   Colt class
   Filly class
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Chapel Time
Cumberland Kid
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Greenacres Trick
Perk
Plymouth Mac
Rusty Red
Yankee O

3 Year Old Filly Pace - Maine Sired (Sustaining 24)
Demand Note
Everyday Avis
Fine Polly
Gaelic Noel
Hanro Joan
Lady Winsome M.
Miss Way Ghost
Raves Crystal
Romie’s Goldie
Vin Rouge
Shiloh C.
Taggee

3 Year Old Colt & Filly Pace
Outside Sired - 50% Maine Owned Dam 1/1/78 (Sustaining 25)
Alicia Almahurst
April’s Easter Dawn
Arundel Knight
Captain Spike
Jo’s Best
Kight O’Brien
Mr. Moose
Most Happy Sota
Mountain Judy
Ramshackle Dave
River Bend Champ
Sweet Ribbon
Unstable Sonny
Virginia’s Alice
Win Me

3 Year Old Trotters
Maine & Outside Sired - 50% Maine Owned Dam 1/1/78 (Sustaining 11)
Gamble to Win
Greenacres Bunny
Hurricane Nippy
Peaches Betsy
Physillia S
Santa’s Overlook
Secret Satin
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Super Win
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SASSY BETTOR - Harold Ralph
ROMIE’S GOLDIE - Loring Norton
EVERYDAY JEFF - Bruce Ranger
The Maine Breeders Stakes have completed the first half of the 1980 season, with stops in Scarborough, Bangor, Presque Isle, and Skowhegan. It has been a mixed bag of results, with three of the four three-year-old divisions rather predictable, and the fourth, the “outside division” providing competition but not speed.

In contrast to previous crops the battles in this age group pale; but that is only half the story. What the three-year-olds have failed to do the two-year-olds have done. Class by class this crop has shown speed, competition and charisma. There have been track records set and many of the colts are developing a loyal following.

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When the field of New England-sired, two-year-old trotters went to post at Hinsdale Raceway on July 4th, 1980, it marked the beginning of the sixth year of a very valuable and friendly interstate competition known as the New England Sire Stakes. In addition to providing a number of extra and lucrative stake racing opportunities for sons and daughters of area stallions; the New England Sire Stakes Program does plenty to upgrade the quality of stallions at stud here through a process of self elimination. If the offspring of a stallion can't cut it in New England Sire Stakes competition after several crops have reached racing age; it stands to reason that his value as a stallion has ended because his services will no longer be in demand. As a result the stallion will most likely be replaced by another of better breeding and hopefully, one that will be more productive.

Slowly but surely the quality of New England stallions and broodmares is improving. Our stake programs are producing some excellent trotters and pacers that go on to enhance the ranks of overnight performers. New England-bred horses are appearing in our invitationals and better condition races with increasing frequency, which is a good omen for the future of our harness racing industry.

The 1980 crop of New England-sired two-year-olds is the finest we have ever had, at least as far as the total number of good colts is concerned. Although our production of freshman trotters is still far from what it should and will eventually be, there are some decent, young trotters that should develop into fine three-year-olds. Naida's Gypsy stands tall among the present crop and has compiled an admirable record so far of 11 starts: 5-2-2 for $11,500. The outstanding Blitzen filly has already taken a record of 2:04 2/5 at Foxboro and wired the field in a New England Stakes event at Hinsdale with a 2:08 4/5 mile. Other good freshmen in this bountiful 1980 crop are: Farbro Dazzle, (American Shadow) 2:05 4/5f; Formal Misty, (Formal Occasion) 2:06 4/5h; Battalion Ridge, (Coral Ridge) 2:08 4/5h; Mr. Bobby C., (Coral Ridge) 2:07 3/5h; Cantop Obsd, (Mighty Battle) 2:08h; Spike's Cathy (Mount Eden) 2:08 4/5h; and P.B.'s Coral (Coral Ridge) with six seconds in seven starts. There are also numerous other two-year-old pacers, with and without records, that are racing and showing improvement with each start.

Following in the footsteps of Noble Blitz, Dorothy's Bad Boy and Wicked Willie is a tough act to follow but it doesn't seem to faze this season's best sophomore trotters, Naida's Doll and Star Of Lov. Naida's Doll has improved on a sensational freshman year to lower her record to 2:04 2/5 in a New England stake at Scarborough. The daughter of Count Nardin recently pushed her lifetime earnings over the $30,000 plateau. Star Of Lov, a winner of eleven of fourteen starts at two, has also improved.

The extremely tough and fast Watchful gelding won a New England stake at Foxboro in 2:05 to increase his total wins for 1980 to six.

The New England Sire Stakes has always been able to feature hard-hitting three-year-old pacers over the years with the likes of T.B.J., Cling A Sept, Game Spirit, Mount Tom, Farbro Shadow, Hoagie Man, Farbro Wave, My Lord Roger and Mighty Eden. This year is no exception with such exciting performers as Crazy Chris, (Song Man) 2:01 2/5f; Copper Ridge, (Coral Ridge) 2:03 1/5h; Christopher Joe, (Song Man) 2:04 2/5f; Coral Beach (Coral Ridge) 2:05 2/5h and Coral Baron (Coral Ridge) 2:03h. This group of sophomores have battled it out time after time in the New England Sire Stakes and the verdict has usually been decided by a length or less.

A number of new and very promising stallions have arrived at New England breeding farms the past few years and there are more on the way right now for the 1981 breeding season. When their first crops reach racing age we should see a dramatic improvement in colt quality. Standardbred breeding has come a long way in the last six years in New England, but "You ain't seen nothin' yet."

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