

BRINGING UP FATHER



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Hotly Contested Heats Mark Introductory; Rain Marred Great Western Circuit Races at Benson

RAINSTORM STOPS OPENING DAY'S HARNESS RACES AFTER THREE HEATS ARE FINISHED

Omaha Driving Club's Great Western Circuit Meeting Will Be Continued Today With Added Trotting Event and Free-For-All Pacing Classic.

TODAY'S EVENTS. Conclude nights of 2-year-old trotting class, 2-year-old pacing class and 2:22 trotting class. Free-for-all pacing class, purse, \$1,000. Three-year-old trotting class, Byrne-Hammer company purse, \$700.

By RUSSELL PHELPS. Proverbial Old J. Plevius reared up on his hind legs yesterday and was successful in putting a crimp in the opening day's program of the Omaha Driving Club's Great Western circuit harness races at the Benson track.

The program, however, positively will be continued today, as the showers abated shortly after rain checks were issued to the enthusiastic race fans, who flocked to the track. A little sunshine this morning will put the half-mile oval, admittedly the fastest in the country, in excellent condition.

Driving club officials decided to set each afternoon's program ahead just one day, bringing the windup and get-away day on Saturday instead of Friday. The remaining events will be raced today, as well as the free-for-all pacing classic and the 3-year-old trot.

Soldiers in Evidence. In spite of the lowering clouds, thunder claps and flashes of lightning, a big crowd of race fans, including a generous sprinkling of soldiers and society folks, was on hand when the program got under way.

The curtain-raising event, 2-year-old trotting class, Bingen Silk purse of \$500, brought out a field of three starters. A bay filly, by Main Street, entered by the Hildreth stables of Omaha, was scratched at the last minute, leaving the competition to Alta Donovan, a local horse, and Dr. Nick and Toots Burke, a couple of visiting steppeers.

Ai Thomas' horse, with the old campaigner himself in the sulky, was easily the class field and had no trouble in taking the initial heat. Dr. Nick beat out Toots Burke for second in the heat. Alta Donovan's time for the mile, 2:19 1/4, was good for the class.

Only three colts started in the 2-year-old pace. Castle hotel purse of \$400, and Earlwin, the favorite, lived up to the done and captured the heat. Dala Warren and Flower Forbes, both Nebraska animals, had to be content with second and third positions, respectively.

free-for-all pace, for at the finish of the first heat in the 2:22 trot the rain was coming down in torrents and spectators were huddling in the rear of the stands.

The free-for-all, classic on today's program, will bring together three of the fastest steppers in the country and a fourth animal who should make the going lively. There are none better than Ben Earl, 2:00 1/2, Edward Peterson's famous pacer; Columbia Fire, 2:04 1/4, now owned and driven by debonair Earl Beezley of Syracuse, Neb., and Lillian T., 2:10 1/4, the star Illinois mare who is feared by every pacer in the country.

While Ben Earl is the prime favorite and one of the faces of things has the best chance to win, either Columbia Fire or Lillian T. may humble the Omaha gelding, who has been the sensation of sensations on the Grand circuit. One thing is certain—Nebraska pacing records will go by the boards.

The added attraction on today's program will be the three-year-old trot, Byrne-Hammer company purse of \$700, a race that will bring together some of the fastest animals in the class in the United States.

Star Three-Year-Olds. The Union, Princess Robey, Noble Aubrey, Fred C. Todd, Captain Dale, Bird Maxey and Alicola will start. Some stellar three-year-old trotting is bound to be dished up when this galaxy of steppers gets the word.

Yesterday was Military Day, so today will be, too. Soldiers in uniform, who were admitted free, were much in evidence and lent a wartime appearance to the crowd. Officers occupied boxes. Green's band played patriotic airs until water began dripping down the bass horn. Soldiers stood at attention while the strains of the national anthem caused race fans to forget the rain and to uncover their heads until the last note of "Oh, say can you see" had died away.

Officials of the four days' Great Western circuit meeting are as follows: Edward Peterson, president of the Driving club; Otis M. Smith, secretary and superintendent of speed; Dr. Frank Stone, of Burlington, Wis., starting judge; C. M. Buck of Omaha, presiding judge; C. D. Whitehead and Dr. Grant Williams of Omaha, associate judges; Dr. C. C. Hall and Harry Whitmer of Omaha and W. D. Forrest of Shenandoah, Ia., timers; S. Hathaway of Lincoln; paddock judge; Charles Ronin, clerk of the course; D. C. Forman of Bradford, Pa., superintendent of numbers and colors; Roy K. Colwell of Mansfield, Ohio, official programer.

Standing of Teams

Table with columns for WEST LEAGUE, NAT. LEAGUE, AMER. LEAGUE, and various team names and scores.

BEN EARL—Edward Peterson's pacer, favorite in free-for-all at Great Western circuit races today.



Summary of three heats on opening card of Great Western circuit races, curtailed by rain, but which will continue today.

Two-year-old Trotting Class, Bingen Silk purse, \$500. Alta Donovan, b. f., by Justice Brooke, (Thomas) A. L. Thomas & Co., Benson, Neb., 2:18 1/4. Dr. Nick, blk. s., by Dr. Igo (Earls) Dr. J. M. McNally, Bellwood, Neb., 2:19 1/4. Flower Forbes, b. f., by Yankton Todd (Holmes) Norman E. Warren, Friend, Neb., 2:22.

GASPAR'S PITCHING WINS FOR SAINTS

St. Joe's Pitcher Leads All Play and Babe Adams Worst Throughout the Game. St. Joseph, Aug. 21.—For the first time since the two teams were transferred the Saints met the former St. Joseph team, now the Hutchinson team, and Harry Gaspar won over Babe Adams in a pitching duel, 3 to 0. Gaspar was complete master of the game all the time, while Adams allowed four bunched hits in the sixth, enough to win the game. The attendance was the largest midweek ever recorded in St. Joseph. Score: HUTCHINSON 3, ST. JOSEPH 0.

STRAIGHT HEATS DECIDE AT PHILLY

North Spur, Ben Ali and Bacelli Succeed in Winning Their Events in Handy Fashion. Philadelphia, Aug. 21.—All three of the races on the second day's card of the Grand circuit race meeting at Belmont track today were decided in straight heats. North Spur, Ben Ali and Bacelli taking their respective events in handy fashion, although there were close finishes in the 2:10 pace, which furnished a track record for open pacing races of 2:04 in the second heat.

Myers-Manser Pitching Duel Gives Lincoln Opening Game

Lincoln, Aug. 21.—In a duel between Pitchers Myers and Manser, Lincoln won the opening game of the Denver series by 2 to 1. Score: DENVER 2, LINCOLN 1.

Postoffice Clerks and Mail Carriers to Clash

Letter carriers and postoffice clerks will clash in a diamond battle at Elmwood park Sunday afternoon as a feature of the postoffice employees' picnic that day.

PIRATES BREAK EVEN WITH THE DODGERS

Battle Thirteen Innings to a Tie; Feature of the Play Pulled in the Tenth Inning. Brooklyn, Aug. 21.—Brooklyn and Pittsburgh battled thirteen innings to a tie today, 3 to 3. All the excitement was confined to the tenth inning, when with two out Pitter singled and scored with Fischer on the latter's home run drive to the score board. Brooklyn tied the score again in its half.

Rain Stops Tangle With Wichita; Play 2 Games Thursday

Just as the Rourkes and Wichita Wolves were about to tangle in a nine-inning clash at Rourke park yesterday, old Jup entered the scene and promptly rendered the hosts

Omaha Soccer League to Hold a Meeting Tonight

The Omaha Soccer association will hold a meeting in the council chamber of the city hall tonight at 8 o'clock to make plans for the approaching fall season. All members of the association are urged to be in attendance.

Score sheet for Pirates vs Dodgers, showing runs, hits, errors, and pitchers.

Score sheet for Rain Stops Tangle, showing game details.

Score sheet for Omaha Soccer League meeting.

FLASHES FROM FILMLAND

PHILADELPHIA. Aug. 21.—Bender's remarkable pitching featured the double-header with Chicago here today, Philadelphia winning the first game, 6 to 0, and Chicago the second, 4 to 2. Bender held Chicago to one single in the first game and he pitched only two bases on balls, while he pitched to only 28 batters. It was Bender's third successive shutout and his fourth straight victory.

SUNDAY: The melodramatic sensation of the season

Herbert Brenon's Lone Wolf by Louis Joseph Vance.

MUSE

ALICE JOYCE HARRY MOREY in "Richard the Brazen"

BRANDEIS THEATRE: OPENS FOR THE SEASON 1917-18. TONIGHT and Thursday Matinee and night. When Henry Miller Offers RUTH CHATTERTON and the N. Y. Company, including Bruce McRae, in A. E. Thomas' delightful comedy, "COME OUT OF THE KITCHEN"

GAYETY: Season's Opening Attraction PETER'S "Oh, Girl" Co. Musical Comedy. Showing the sensational novelty of the new and the "HIGH COST OF FLIRTATION" by Jean McCrea, Mgr. of Laugh Pictures. Beauty Queen "LADIES' GINE MATINEE WEEK DANCE SAT. MAT and W.K. "His, His, Heury Girls"

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BASE BALL OMAHA vs WICHITA August 21, 22, 23, 24. ROURKE PARK Friday, Aug. 24, Ladies' Day Games Called 3:15

Sir George Alexander and Hilda Moore. The Famous English Actors.