

LONG ISLAND TRACKS BUSTLE

Horsemen Busy Getting Ready for the Pacing Season.

SPRING TRAINING IS INSPIRING

Sheepshead, Gravesend and Belmont All Show Horses that Delight the Eye and Set the Blood Dancing.

NEW YORK, April 18.—On Long Island the horsemen are in the thick of preparations for the big New York racing season of 1908. Sheepshead Bay, Gravesend and Belmont Park are the three tracks where the tremendous task of preparing a thousand or more horses for racing is taken up by the thoroughbred trainers.

It is doubtful if the morning scene at either Sheepshead, Gravesend or Belmont Park, with its hundreds of horses exercising in the delightful early morning air, all the life and action of a great outdoor sport in its preliminary trials, would stir the heart of Governor Hughes.

Owners Eager at the Tracks. E. R. Bradley is down at the track almost every morning and is a keen watcher of everything that goes on.

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stable colors; J. L. McGinnis' thoroughly useful looking bunch and many others have been going along very lively for some time.

Notter, the jockey who rides for the Keene stable this season, has reported to James Rowe and begun getting acquainted with the 2-year-olds of that string, exercising them in the mornings and being on hand at any time for active duty.

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Modern Improvements Made on the Famous Old Course. BALTIMORE, Md., April 18.—When the Maryland Jockey club throws open the gates of the historic old Pimlico course on April 22, for its annual spring meeting, it will present a modern, up-to-date appearance that it has not possessed in a score of years.

Adjoining the paddock, toward the grand stand, are the new offices of the club, a jockeys' room, and rooms for club members. The offices are located on the first floor and the jockeys' quarters above.

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Four Hundred Thousand Dollars Offered on Northern Tracks. TORONTO, Ont., April 18.—Fully \$400,000 will be distributed in prizes and stakes on the Canadian racing circuit this season.

From Toronto the horses will go to Montreal and Hamilton, which again have no racing dates. Kenilworth follows, with a thirty-day meeting, and then the Niagara Jockey club opens its inaugural meeting at the reconstructed Fort Erie track.

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One Betting Reform in New York Comes Out of Agitation. NEW YORK, April 18.—Having scored the first knockdown in the battle against the anti-betting crusaders, the racing associations naturally feel confident of a complete victory, and have started in already to strengthen themselves, so to speak, against any future attack on the sport.

While the fight was being waged at Albany the representatives of the jockey club and the various tracks in New York have been discussing reforms which they admitted were necessary.

Success with Its First Match Encourages Its Promoters. NEW YORK, April 18.—The National Athletic club, which opened its Hall of Fame with the Wolcott-Moran bout, will arrange to bring Abe Attell and Owen Moran together some time next month.

Match of Feathers at 'Frisco for Last Night in April. SAN FRANCISCO, April 18.—Abe Attell, the little featherweight champion, has signed articles for another battle to be fought here on the night of April 30.

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