

SAM THE JOCKEY HAS RACING IN HIS BLOOD

From the moment he saw the movie National Velvet, Sam McComb knew that he wanted to race horses.

That was many years ago in Ireland, and today McComb, his wife, Audrey and their daughter, Susan, train and breed thoroughbred race horses at Clanyon Farm, RR 2, Norval.

Besides operating his farm, McComb is also an international-known steeplechase rider and jockey, who has won every major race in Ontario except the And he took second in that.

"I was so determined to be a jockey that I ran away from home in Belfast when I was 16," McComb said. "Through sheer luck, I was taken on as a apprentice jockey for stable in southern Ireland, and won my first race on April 13, 1948."

That was when I was 19. After five years of racing in Ireland, McComb became jockey at the famous steeplechase stables of Harry Whiteman in England.

Here, in a dramatic scene worthy of National Velvet, he married Audrey. "She was Mr. Whiteman's daughter, and I had proposed to her twice, only to be refused," McComb grinned.

"Then during one race I was injured and as I lay all basted up on the track, Mr. Whiteman and Audrey ran out to me," he said. "She took me in her arms and promised to marry me. I accepted, of course, and to this day I've never figured out if that blow on the head knocked the sense into me or out of me."

After 11 years of competing as the lightest steeplechase rider ever to race in England, McComb's wide reputation brought him to the stables of R.H. New in Ontario in 1959.

Riding for New's Whiteoak Stables and as a free-lance rider, McComb has raced and won championships all over Canada and the U. S.

"Canadian racing has been good to me," he said. "I've loved every minute of it, but racing is incredibly hard work and with the high stakes and danger involved, the tension is great."

"That there is danger involved can be seen from 'the few bumps' that McComb has received. In addition to countless sprains and stitches, he has had two broken ankles, 11 concussions, many crushed ribs, and had his stomach removed, repaired and replaced," he said. "And of course I got married."

But the rewards, aside from financial, are large, he said. "One of my proudest moments of my life was when I was presented to the Queen Mother when she was here in 1965."

There are presently some 25 thoroughbreds in McComb's stable worth a total of about \$300,000. "This may sound like a lot until you consider that we sometimes get one horse here worth \$100,000 or more," he said. "And I have ridden single horses valued at more than \$300,000 alone."

But there are more than horses at Clanyon (named after a famous racer that he rode in Ireland). Dogs, cats, pigs, goats and rabbits inhabit the farm and most of them belong to Susan, who also has a thoroughbred and two ponies of her own.

McComb also owns several head of Hereford cattle "to keep the grass better for the horses' grazing. Plus it's sort of a hobby."

As for racing, McComb is only semi-retired from riding. "I plan to do it now and then for as long as I possibly can," he said "once you get racing in your blood you can't get it out."



Jockey and thoroughbred horse trainer Sam McComb with Sylcon. This stallion is only two years old, but already he has raced four times and been in the money each time, including one win. The 25 horses at Sam's Norval home are worth about \$300,000.

TOWN BRIDGERS WINNERS IN BRAMPTON

Two Georgetown duplicate bridge players won an annual mixed doubles tournament in Brampton Thursday night.

Miss Margery Mackenzie and Dick Prust will receive a trophy symbolic of their victory in the Brampton club this week. A number of Georgetown duplicate players took part in the annual tournament.

TYKE HOCKEY

by Doreen Long

The Tyke hockey program gets underway for this season on Friday, October 24, with the boys from last year coming out from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. and the new Tykes from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

As in the previous years, the first two weeks will be simply skating and the boys will require only their helmets and skates. (Please, no sticks.) We are looking forward to a very successful season and to seeing you all at the arena on Friday.

Georgetown Runners Capture 6th Place

Georgetown senior public school runners captured first and sixth place honours in the first Halton County cross-country meet held last Wednesday from the Fairview public school in Burlington. All senior public schools in the county were invited to send representation.

John Ransom and Reed Alcorn represented Centennial senior school. The former ran a tremendous race to beat a field of 25 in the junior one mile run. The course included uphill, downhill, obstacles and field running.

In the senior one and a half mile event Reed Alcorn also ran well and was just 30 seconds back of the winner in a close finish involving the top eight.

Both boys had worked hard and practiced three times a week in preparing for the meet.

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Halton Board of Education Discusses School Outdoor Rinks

Approving continuation of co-operation on the use of schools between Burlington and the Halton Board of Education indicated the need for discussion in other areas of the county.

"It takes discussion to determine within the community and within the council the use of schools for desired programs," Director J. Singleton suggested.

The Board approved appointments from the board to continue present co-operation in Burlington. Superintendent Bruce Lindley explained the program there is operated by the Recreation Committee and the servicing staff is handled by the board.

Costs are accumulated and

the end of the year balanced off by payments.

Chairman Fred Armitage urged the board to look at the entire county, suggesting a need now to re-assess the whole program. "We can't carry on one area without expanding to other areas," he suggested.

An earlier request from Georgetown for the board to maintain a natural ice outdoor rink in school grounds was noted. Superintendent Lindley suggested the board policy permits the use of the grounds, the water for flooding and electricity for lighting, but leaves the maintenance to the recreation committee. He pointed out, however, that a number of areas in the county were not served with a recreation committee and the decision in these areas had to be made on an individual basis.

Hockey Greats Give Tips In Free Instruction Flick

Hockey instruction from some of the greats of the National Hockey League is expected to fill Georgetown Branch 120 Legion auditorium Sunday afternoon.

Phil Espisito, Ralph Backstrom, Mike Walton, Bob Nevin and others from the realm of the NHL will be passing along valuable hockey tips to young players in a special film being shown there through the sponsorship of Georgetown Cycle & Sports.

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