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## In The World Of Sport

### THE CENTENNIAL YEAR OF TROTTING HORSE

First Public Race in United States Took Place 100 Years Ago.

The harness racing season soon to open will mark the centennial anniversary of the first public performance by a trotting horse for a stake or wager in America. The circumstances were thus related in Porter's Spirit of the Times:

"The first time ever a horse trotted in public for a stake was in 1818, and that was a match against time for \$1,000. The match was proposed at a jockey club dinner, where trotting had come under discussion, and the bet was that no horse could be produced which could trot a mile in three minutes. It was accepted by the late Major William Jones, of Long Island, and Colonel Bond, of Maryland, but the odds on time were immense. The horse named at the post was Boston Blue, who won cleverly and gained great renown. He subsequently was purchased by Thomas Cooper, the tragedian, who drove him on several occasions between this and Philadelphia, thereby enabling himself to perform his engagements in either city on alternate nights."

Thomas Floyd-Jones, a descendant of Major William Jones, who still lives, has said in Backward Glances that the race again time was trotted on the turnpike just west of Jamaica, L.I. and that Major Jones sent to Boston for the horse, bringing him from there in a sailing vessel.

The thoroughfare known a century ago as the Jamaica turnpike is now called Fulton street. At the point where Boston Blue, or the Boston pony, trotted in 1818, there is a street railroad on the surface; spanning this is the main line of the Long Island railroad, and high above that is the new elevated railroad, connecting Jamaica with New York by way of Queensboro bridge.

When Major Jones made this match he owned a horse called Mambrino, whose descendants have dominated the trotting tracks from that day until the present time. Among the 33,695 trotters that have earned records of 2.30 or better probably 33,000 trace back to him in the direct male line, while descendants have lowered the best time on record from 3.00 in 1818 to 1.58 in 1918.

### "C" BATTERY SPORTSMEN.

The Montreal Men Who Are In This Unit.

Driver Louis Bernstein, in charge of sports in "C" Battery, R. C. H. A. Kingston, writes to the Montreal Star:

"The sporting fans in Montreal will be glad to hear of some of the boys who have enlisted in "C" Battery, R. C. H. A., Kingston. The majority are well known athletes from Montreal, by kind permission of Major Lancaster, O. C. Royal C. H. A., Kingston, who returned from the front, and is a strong supporter of all kinds of sports. I have been granted permission to keep Montreal in touch with the honors the boys will carry with them in camp and abroad. The following men are among those enlisted, some married with children and some discharged from previous service, and many under the age limit: W. F. Steedman, late of McGill 1904 and 1906 football and Y. M. C. A.; Alec Silver, champion swimmer, M.A. A.A., and all round athlete; Clarence Blickstead, member of S. A. A. A., late employee of the Star; J. H. Lyons, M.A.A. and S.A.A.A.; Gabriel Lavallee, brother of the famous Rene Lavallee, and nephew of ex-Mayor of Montreal, junior nine Bro. and Mount St. Louis College; J. W. Gibbs, Spalding League Hockey and a noted swimmer; F. A. Lane, Nomads ball team; J. Lukeman, noted all round athlete; I. Singer, Westmount, well known to all sportsmen, who resigned a commission to enlist as a gunner, and some more of the boys who need no introduction, like G. S. Belgrave, H. Epstein, R. J. Loveday, M. D. Carruthers, H. Felstein, G. Ruttenberg, Jack Roston, A. Bowdell, G. Ruttenberg, captain of C. P. R. Bowling League. With the boys who have already enlisted we will sure keep the good name of the R. C. H. A. up, as Major Lancaster thinks we are a fine bunch. The R. C. H. A. has always won honors as being one of the best sporting teams in camp."

### SHARK MEAT IS RANK.

But the Arabs of Aden Eat It Both Fresh and Dried.

Shark fishing is an important industry at Aden, Arabia. The poorer classes of the inhabitants depend on this fish for their only taste of sea food. Some of the meat is dried and preserved in salt. The fins and maws are shipped to China, and the livers produce an oil that is used for a varnish on boats.

The Arab in his primitive boat, or dhow, a flat bottomed craft of some 150 tons burden, finds his best fishing grounds between Aden and Shikra during the cool months from October to March. He uses both nets and hooks. Fishing is sometimes done from a small boat, but this is dangerous, as a large fish occasionally overturns the boat, and the fishermen become the prey of other sharks.

Small sharks are sold in the Aden bazaars for about half the price of other edible fish. Fresh shark meat is very strong, and one must develop a taste for it to enjoy it.

Maleh, or salt dried shark meat, has the largest market of any of the by-products. It is used in such quantities by the Arabs of the interior that the local market cannot meet the demand, and much of the meat consumed has to be imported from the Arabian-gulf ports. Like the fresh meat, maleh is strong in taste and odor.

### A FAMOUS ENGLISH JOCKEY.

Fred Mitchell, of England, is Assisting in Red Cross Work.

Freddy Mitchell, one of the most famous of European jockeys, is making his debut in the United States as an emissary of the Red Cross in behalf of the Allies. Mitchell is to French and English racegoers what Tod Sloan and Johnny Reiff are to Americans. The youngest son of one of England's noblest families, headed by his father, Sir Robert Mitchell, Freddy married against their wishes at the age of eighteen and sought solace on the backs of fleet horses whose fame has spread through two continents.

Freddy Mitchell is the famous English jockey and trainer who was never known to put a bet on a horse. During his twenty years on the English and French turfs he rode astride 495 winners—over the jumps and on the flat. His career began when he finished in the money at the Grand National Steeplechase in England at the age of fifteen.

Twelve years ago Mitchell went to France and settled at Chantilly, and was caught there in the German drive to Paris at the beginning of the war. It was this sportsman's wonderful courage which helped more than anything else to turn back the invaders.

### WAR DOC HERDS HUN CAPTIVES

Nick Cullop and Eddie Plank, the two southpaws who figured in the big trade between Yanks and Browns last winter, still decline to report to the clubs which obtained title to their services.



Duke van Ouderdonk is a veteran of the great war. With Colonel F. B. Ware, of the First Canadian division, his master, he went through three years of hell in battles from Ypres to the Somme. He stood guard hundreds of times against sudden raids upon the dugouts of supporting troops.

### COBB'S 14TH SEASON WITH DETROIT CLUB

Thirty-one Years Old and Grand Old Man of American League.

Ty Cobb, the dashing Georgian, is now the grand old man of the American League. Ty is the oldest regular in point of service in that circuit—since the passing of Sam Crawford and the relegation of Terry Turner to the role of substitute. This is Cobb's fourteenth season with Detroit—and yet he may play regularly this year, as game.

It seems unusual that anyone as young as Cobb should enjoy such distinction. Ty is 31, and while there are others in the league older in years, there are none who have served as many years in major league harness as the great southerner.

Terry Turner, Cleveland's white-haired boy, is the league's oldest player, but Terry ceased to be a regular a few years ago, though he may play regularly this year, as the Cleveland club has been depleted by the draft.

Frank Schulte, the famous old Cub, played fourteen years in the National League, and is now working his fifteenth season as a pinch hitter for the Washington club of the American League.

Wallace of St. Louis has played big league baseball longer than any other player, having played over twenty seasons—but not as a regular. Wallace is used as a coach by the Browns, although he is listed a member of the team.

Cobb came from Augusta to Detroit in 1905. He was not yet 19 years of age, which, accounts for the fact that he is the veteran of an organization numbering close to 200 players.

Judging from his batting record of .383, and his base-stealing mark of over 50 in 1917, it would seem that this great athlete is good for many more years as a top-notch. If he cared to ball the long there is little doubt that he could excel the long service records of Wagner and Lajoie.

Sherwood Magee is the real veteran of big league baseball, however. "Sherry" is entering his fifteenth season as a regular, and has without question played more big league games than anyone in either league.

### Giants Want Rudolph.

Having been deprived of the services of Pitchers Benton, Barnes and Schupp, the Giants are looking around for new hurlers. It is rumored that Manager McGraw soon will open negotiations with the Boston Braves for the veteran pitcher, Dick Rudolph. Ever since the opening of the National League campaign Rudolph has been living in the Bronx because the Boston club will not accede to his salary demands. The Boston magnate recently turned down Rudolph's offer of \$10,000 for his unconditional release, presumably made in the interests of the Yankees. The Giants will ball the long there is little doubt that he could excel the long service records of Wagner and Lajoie.

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### Just about the time that Hugh Bedient returned to the majors another of those 1912 world's champions also returned.

Steve Yerkes signed with the Cardinals.

Though he has been given special classification, Benny Kauff now believes he will be called to the colors within the near future.

It is rumored in St. Louis that the Yankees are after Bruno Betzel, who was released by the Cardinals to Indianapolis.

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