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BIG JUNIOR YEAR IN O.H.A. CIRCLES

When Members of St. Andrew's Wore Gayly Colored Uniforms.

The Toronto Globe says: Junior hockey appears destined to flourish this season. O.H.A. clubs are marshaling their forces for a race that promises to be the best in the history of the largest hockey organization in the world. Not since 1917, when De la Salle C.I. won the championship, has so much interest been shown. The call for new material to replace those who have gone up to senior ranks to fill the gaps caused by the trowed of the pros and the departure of star performers for the United States is being answered by clever and ambitious youngsters who in a few short years will be shining lights in senior ranks.

The loss of players to the United States and to the professional leagues has been a blessing in disguise. It afforded younger players the opportunity to get into the O.H.A. series and thus prove that star players can be developed here faster than the pro leagues or the U.S.H.A. clubs can take them away.

London, Owen Sound, Aura Lee and St. Mary's of Toronto appear to be the real first division teams, but the majority of the O.H.A. entrants have not been in action and no line has been secured on their ability.

Owen Sound, last year's Canadian champions, have been defeated three times to date in exhibition and S.P.A. games, but the results indicate little. The titleholders have had little chance to practice and consequently were at a disadvantage as their conquerors, St. Mary's and London, were in perfect condition after weeks of earnest practice. Owen Sound will likely be one of the remaining contenders when the semi-finals are reached.

The champions have lost all but two of the 1924 squad, but have secured the services of capable players to replace the absent ones. Mike Brophy of Collingwood, one of the best men on the team, has not yet secured his certificate from the O.H.A., and if he fails to do so, the Greys will miss him. Manager Jamieson has moved "Potsy" Callighen back on the defense in anticipation of the loss of Brophy. Callighen, a former St. Mary's player, is a fine addition to the ranks of the champions.

St. Mary's, having won the S.P.A. trophy for the third consecutive time, are slight favorites to win the Toronto group honors. Aura Lee

appears to be every bit as formidable as the Irish team, and the group battles between these aggregations should revive memories of the De la Salle-Aura Lee games of 1917, when "Red" Green, "Babe" Dye, "Duke" McCurry, Jess Spring, Jack Cain and "Fence" Ingoldby were starting for "Del" and players like "Billie" Burch, Stewart Hogarth and Vernon Forbes were playing for Aura Lee.

University of Toronto is another team that will bear watching. The collegians played two games against St. Mary's in the S.P.A. series, the first resulting in a 4 to 4 score. In the next St. Mary's won by 4 to 3, and the count about indicated the relative merits of the old rivals.

Toronto Canoe Club and Parkdale Canoe Club are the other entrants and both are strong. They did good work in the S.P.A. series, Parkdale giving Aura Lee an interesting battle. The Red Rangers also made Aura Lee hustle to take down a close verdict.

St. Michael's, who won the "prep." school S.P.A. title after winning hard-fought games against Upper Canada College and University of Toronto Schools, showed that the school representatives will be dangerous when they held Aura Lee to a 4 to 1 victory, two of the winners' goals being secured in the last period. U.T.S., U.C.C., S.A.C. and S.M.C. all look strong. The race promises to be close and exciting.

From all over the province have come glowing accounts of the strength of the junior entrants. The London team, aided by Lowery of the seniors, beat Owen Sound twice, and have championship aspirations, but the loss of Lowery will make a big difference. Woodstock, Stratford and the Kingston Circle Six are other highly rated aggregations.

BIGGEST WINNER

But Never Bets a Penny on the Races.

The Aga Khan, an Indian prince, with some 1,100,000 francs, heads the list of winning owners for the season of flat racing just concluded, the most successful since the Armistice.

For the first time in the history of French racing, since 1909 a French jockey had the honor of leading the field in the number of winning mounts. Henri Semblat, after a neck and neck duel with Guy Garner of Kentucky throughout the last two months of the season, finally pulled away from his American rival and finished with 59 winners to Garner's 52.

The rivalry between the English and American schools of training horses ended in favor of the former.

The Aga Khan is the head of the Mohammedan Church in India, and the spiritual chief of 20,000,000 Indians. He never bets a cent on the chances of his horses and is satisfied with winning the stakes.

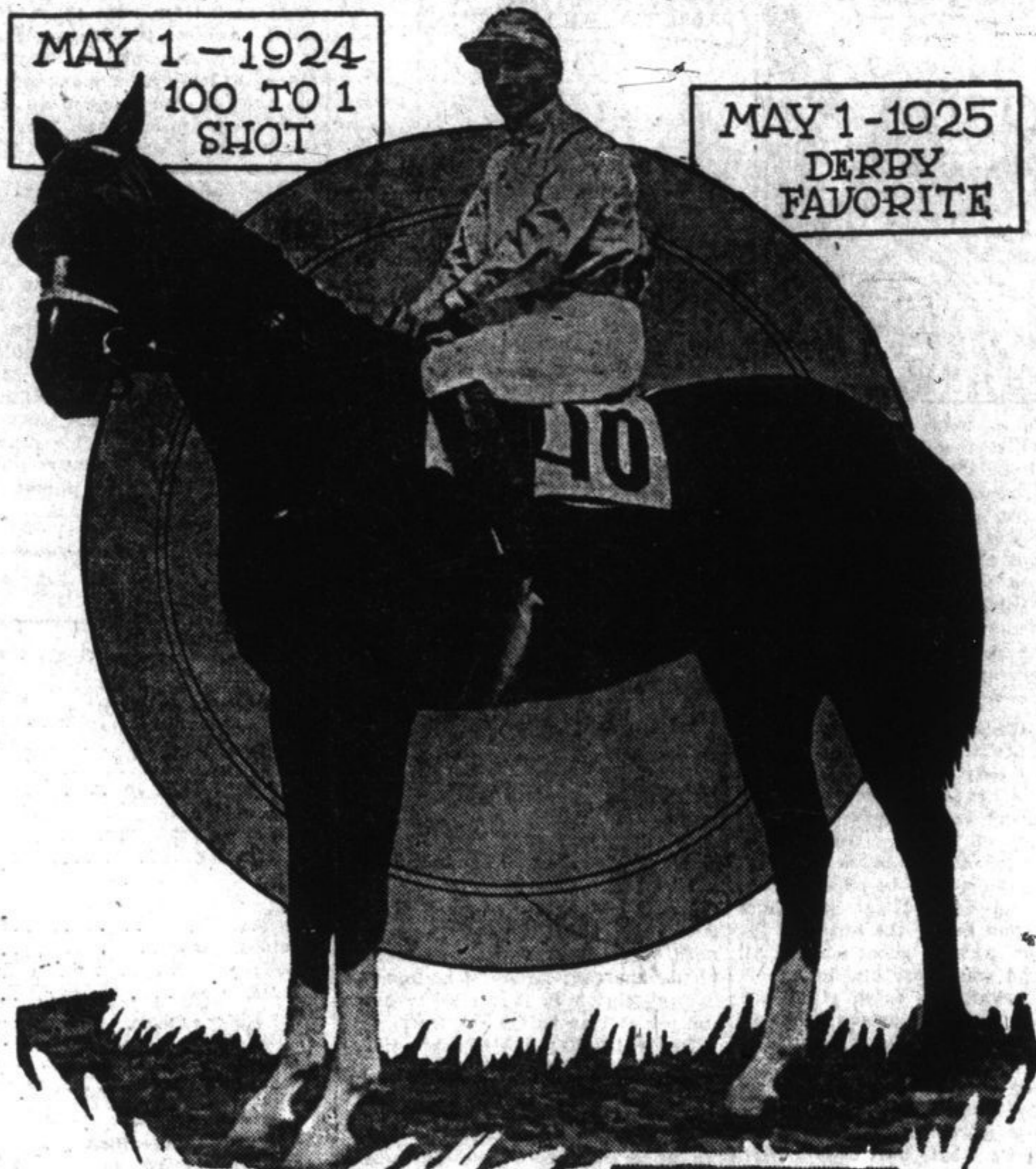
EMPTY SHELL

Same Skin But Not Nearly the Same Speed.

The skin of the world-famous thoroughbred Tracery, which died last August, was offered at auction by the Messrs. Tattersall at Newmarket, and brought \$40. The sale was for the benefit of the Bontick Benevolent Fund, and the buyer was R. C. Dawson, the prominent English trainer.

Among the races won by Tracery was the classic St. Leger. He was subsequently sold to go to the Argentine for \$53,000. He was returned to England last year, his death being a great loss to the horse-breeding industry.

100-to-1 Shot, a Derby Favorite



Horses are no easier to judge than other kinds of competitive flesh. Around Michigan in September, one, including the great Yost, thought enough of Benny Friedman to look at him twice.

Then Michigan was murdered by Illinois. Something had to be done. Friedman could throw a forward pass. Michigan decided to take a chance on him. Friedman immediately changed Michigan from an ordinary football team into a great football team.

The moral is, you never can tell. It is a far step from football to horse racing, but a similar case happens to exist. Stimulus right now is one of the best two-year-old runners in the game, if not the best.

Last May Marshall Field's colt was an outcast. Bookies freely offered \$100 to \$1 against his chances of winning over an ordinary field. In the quaint phraseology of the mob Stimulus was "just a burr."

The season wore on. Stimulus began to show a little form. Soon he broke into the winning class. The

bookies began to be more careful. Finally they "laid off" him entirely.

Four straight victories, a startling upset in which he finished ninth in a ten-horse race, then another brilliant victory in a big stake.

Five wins in six starts. That's pretty fair for a colt that started the season a 100-to-1 shot, and it probably explains why the betting with Master Charley as a favorite in the winter books to win the Kentucky Derby next spring.

GOLF TOGGERY OF ANCIENT DAYS

Many Promising Teams Will Contest for the Provincial Honors This Season.

In the minutes of the St. Andrews Golf Club, which had not then become Royal and Ancient, under the date of August 4, 1789, it is recorded as follows:—"The Society took into consideration that their Golfing Jackets are in bad condition.—Have agreed that they shall have new ones—viz., Red, with yellow buttons. The under-mentioned gentlemen have likewise agreed to have an Uniform Frock—viz., a Buff Coat with a Red Cap—the Coat to be half-lapelled, the Button white. Balaclavas and ten others."

Very handsome my lord and his fellows must have looked as they strode in their exclusive uniformity on to the links, thinking how smart white buttons were, and how vulgar yellow ones says a writer in the

By Williams

London Times. It is sad to reflect that today they would only be able to give expression to their feelings by wearing ties of some complicated stripes upon a green background. Red coats and facings, and light and dark blue caps, with silver crossed clubs, are all gone, and we can only throw our whole souls into our golfing ties, which are multiplying as rapidly as the rabbits that wear them. I am myself gradually acquiring a very choice selection. There is one which I covet, but have not yet been able to afford, possessing one green stripe and two others of varying shades of purple. It is, I believe, a symbolic tie, green for the fairway of the course, and purple for the heather, the lighter stripe standing, presumably, for the purgatorial heather, and the darker for the hellish.

Then there is another which I do possess, though a certain slinking shyness often prevents my wearing it. It is a little like the "uniform frock" of those old gentlemen at St. Andrews, having a buff ground traversed by their red lines. If there is here any symbolism, the buff must clearly be for the bunkers; the red possibly represents the blood drawn by the prickliest of gorse bushes on one of the most charming of courses.

There are others having neat arrangements in green, but it is not at them that I now look with rapture. It is at a new one, unworn as yet, and I have just tipped to my drawer to make sure it is still there. It has lately been given to me. It is at once quaint and pretty, with a dash of yellow, and marks the admission to a very pleasant company. All these facts endear it to me, and also one other, one that I blush to own—namely, that I have of necessity never yet lost a match in it. There are yet to my knowledge other, and far better, golfers who have this same unreasonable superstition about ties. Therefore I do not mind confessing that it is a great thing to start a match with a clean sheet in the shape of a clean tie.

All the other ties in the drawer are not only murky in themselves, which is no great matter, but have murky golding pasts. As I look at them there is not one that does not recall some painful incident. There is that blue knitted one in the corner, something unravelled as to one of the ends. In that tie if you will believe me, I beat F. on an occasion, of some importance. It is not because it is unfit to be seen that it now languishes in the corner, for its owner has no pretensions to be a dandy. It is because it betrayed me: When next I wore it some odious person, I think it was W., knocked my head off. It had a successor, much of the same hue, which rose to even greater heights; that one actually defeated— for I make no claim for myself—the tremendous T. It ought after that to have been put away for good and all, having done its work, but I put my faith in it once more, and it actually went down before an innoc-

uous, almost contemptible, adversary, whom I will disguise as X. After that came the brown and white spots which did so well that the spots were beginning to turn grey, and then—but why continue? It is always the same story, the pitcher goes once too often to the well.

THE NUT CRACKER

By Joe Williams

Football Notes. (After the Manner of the Major League Baseball Magnates). Montreal, Dec. 27.—Coach Grump of Block and Tackle University was around the lobby of the Mount Royal this morning trying to trade his star quarterback for two good wings and a set of non-skid shift plays.

The proposal to give halfbacks, advancing from a smaller college, five per cent. of the purchase price, was voted down by the committee on finances. It was suggested that three per cent. would be fairer.

Prof. Squash of Cucumber Circle, is here trying to book a double header with Queen's for next fall. "We have a Sunday date open and it looks like a good chance to pack the stadium," says the professor.

Whiz Bang O'Kelly, star back, insists he will not return to Paymore College next fall unless he gets a three-year contract, with the ten days' release clause eliminated.

Palm Leaf, Fla., wants the Big Four grid champions to come down there to train next fall. The local chamber of commerce thinks it will be a fine thing for the town and is willing to pay plenty.

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Battering ram, well-known line plunger, has been given his unconditional release after sixteen years of varsity service with War Whoop University.

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