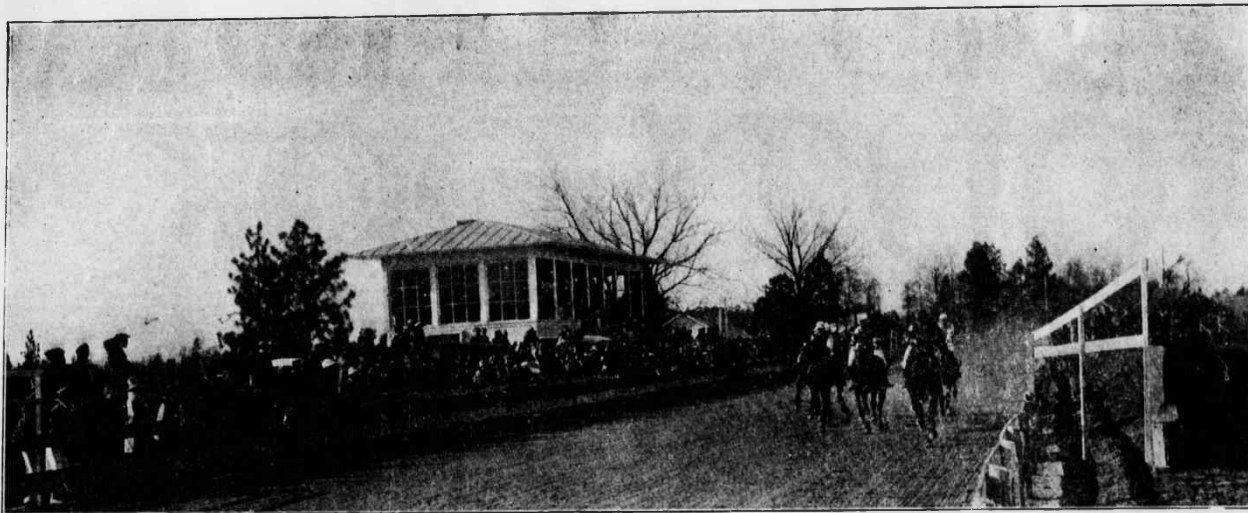


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DISTURBER IS FIRST IN OPENING FEATURE

Shows Clean Pair of Heels to Little Horn in Thanksgiving Day Steeplechase

Racing was welcomed back to Pinehurst with the formal opening of the Pinehurst Jockey Club on Thanksgiving Day. The weather was perfect and the large crowd was rewarded with a good card. All the events were well filled and the patrons were assured by the starters in the events of the first day that they would have some high-class races during the season.

The feature event of the day was the Thanksgiving Steeplechase. It brought out two entries, and fell an easy prey to J. C. Thomas' jumper, Disturber. Boston, owned by the Balley Heather stables, was scratched, this leaving Thomas' horse and Nat Hurd's old favorite, Little Horn, to fight it out. Little Horn made a rush for the lead at the start and both jumpers were taking the hurdles with clean strides until the third was reached. Here Little Horn balked and before Jockey Wells could swing her around, Disturber had gained a lead of many yards. Wells made a determined effort to catch the leader but it was of no avail.

If the feature was a disappointment, the one-mile flat event made up for it, for it was one of the best contests of the day. Puck, a newcomer on the track, flying the colors of the Balley Heather stables scored a close victory over George Roach owned by Ritter, in this event. Stock entered his brown filly, Rosewater, who was up among the leaders at the start but the pace proved too swift and she dropped back. Puck went to the fore at the drop of the flag and passed the grandstand leading by a half a yard. Ritter's horse responded to the lash and both moved along nicely to the far turn when both jockeys began to ride, seeking an advantage. The two riders hooked up a real battle and ran less than a head apart all the way round the turn with the Green and Red in the lead. Both horses were going their best in the stretch and the gallery along the track and grandstand responded with cheers and yells. Atwell probably outgeneraled Wells, for he managed to keep Puck to the fore and went over the line a winner by a length.

Mary Grace O'Brien brought out a horse in Joe Miller that will make the sprinters look after their laurels this season. It was in the five and one-half furlong flat race that Joe Miller came into his own. Ridden by Burns he rode Lyndonia, Hurd's new sprinter, to the ground. Burns shot the big brown to the lead when the barrier went up and had complete control of the rail position before the first turn was reached. He never gave up the advantage gained and came over the line an easy winner.

It was in the six furlong flat race that Hurd finally put over a winner when he ran Uncle Sam, one of the stars of last season and a sprinter of good repute when at his best. Pitted against Wasseon, owned by H. B. Swoope, and Rockaway, carrying the colors of the Stock stable, Uncle Sam left the barrier running second with Rockaway close behind and Wasseon hugging the rail position. At the first turn Uncle Sam began to pick up and on the far stretch was running neck and neck with Wasseon. Still running close, the two came around the turn and set out for home. Uncle Sam must have realized that he was going to make a comeback for he responded with a burst of speed that carried him down the lead. Rockaway finished a poor third.

It only took two heats for Joe Hamilton to show that he was King Pin in Class A harness event. Owned and driven by Wickard, this coal black beauty was pitted against Harley R., owned by Wickersham, and Waneta Bell, who has been a familiar figure on the Pinehurst track during the last few years. Waneta Bell had the pole in the first heat but broke at the turn; Joe Hamilton pushing to the front was closely followed by Wickersham's horse. From then on it was a pretty race between these two and after several hard attempts on the part of Harley R. to push to the fore the winner gradually drew away and was gaining a greater lead as he crossed the finishing line. All three horses made a good start in the second heat. Having the pole Wickard went to the fore at the turn with the flying hoofs of Harley R. pounding right behind. They passed the grandstand neck and neck and the winner could not show the dust to Harley R. until well on toward the finishing line.

What proved to be the most exciting race of the day was the second heat of the Class B. harness event. Gentry Dictator, owned and driven by Eden, captured

the first heat by settling down into an even and killing pace from the word go; she churned herself into a victory every round. The second heat was the most bitterly contested harness race ever witnessed on the Pinehurst track. Billy Landis, owned and driven by Wickersham, quickly dropped out of the heat and race by breaking again. Gentry Dictator took the lead at the start, but right at his heels came David B., a grey horse owned and driven by Wickard. This grey horse furnished the first thrill of the heat by closing up the gap and romping into first place. And here is where Eden did some driving, for David B. had not only leaped into first place but had opened up a gap of ten yards. Along the far stretch Eden made up this lost ground and the last turn found both horses nip and tuck fighting every inch of the way. And neck and neck did they come down the home stretch, neither conceding an inch and both going the limit for a win. This brought the grandstand to an uproar and amidst the applause and excitement Gentry Dictator shoved his head over the line—a winner by an inch.

The brilliant weather brought out the fans in large numbers and the course took on the old familiar aspect, in spite of the many changes made this summer. The Carolina Orchestra, led by Wiley Pope Swift, the mule races and an airplane hovering overhead kept the enthusiasm of the crowd up to a high pitch.

PUCK IS AGAIN A WINNER Beats Rosewater by Half Length Joe Miller Captures Six- Furlong Race

The Balley Heather Stables scored another triumph on the Pinehurst turf when Puck captured the seven-furlong flat race at the weekly matinee of the Pinehurst Jockey Club on December 3rd, which was the feature event of the day. The Willoughby horse was made favorite and did not leave things in doubt very long. As the barrier went up he leaped to the front and in the next few strides had gained a lead of a length. Thomas' horse Disturber with Burns up and Geo. Roach with Wells up came thundering behind, and away to the rear, came Rosewater, a sorrel mare owned by Stock and ridden by Carter. In this order they passed the grandstand and down the far stretch they shot Puck still

in the lead and George and Disturber still fighting nip and tuck for second place. The turn at the end of this stretch treated the crowd to a surprise, it was here that Rosewater developed a burst of speed that not only placed her in second position, but was giving Puck the race of his life for first place. Puck won, however, by a neck, but from the way Rosewater was coming on the Stock horse would have been a winner had the distance been a little longer.

There were three starters in the six-furlong flat race and they strung out all the way from the wire to the finish, Joe Miller winning by several lengths, with Rockaway second and Super Maid third. Joe Miller was the favorite and never gave his backers much concern after the first hundred yards. Jockey Burns rushed him into the lead at the start and immediately began to draw away as through the others were tied down and all he had to do was to sit in the saddle and let the gelding run his own race.

Burns also rode another winner in the five and one-half furlong event when he brought home Henry Swoope's sprinter Wasseon far ahead of the whole field, having no competition at all towards the finish. Lasses brought home Hurd's Lyndonia second, with Chilton Squaw third and Silver Mere finishing last.

Browne's Bertha C. captured the five furlong flat race for two-year olds, defeating Elsema and Salome. Bertha C., with Browne up, had the pole, but was left flatfooted at the barrier, Salome with Atwell up leading to the rail position at the start, followed by Miles riding Elsema. They passed the grandstand with Bertha C. trailing behind at length, but when the first turn was reached Browne had begun to creep up and on the far stretch the mare took the lead, a lead which was never relinquished.

Joe Hamilton again proved that he is in a class by himself when he captured the Class A. Harness event, winning both heats of this race with ease.

The Class B. harness event was won by Billy Landis in straight heats, David B. winning second money and Gentry Dictator taking third.

The specialty of the afternoon was in the nature of a potato race between Lambert Splane, Henry Swoope, Lawrence Forsyth and Hewitt Swope, the latter winning amid the cheers and plaudits of the spectators.