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## Pinehurst Records Broken

One of the largest crowds that has turned out at the Pinehurst Jockey Club this season witnessed one of the most successful meets of the Club last Wednesday afternoon. At the time we go to press it may be raining, snowing and hailing, but last Wednesday afternoon old Sol surely put to shame Jupiter Pluvius and his gang of glooms with a barrage of sun that worked miracles with both jockeys and horses. The wind and sun had dried up the track until it was fairly fast, as was indicated by the time in which some of the races were run.

As a contest, the Steeplechase was one of the best during the afternoon. Of the four horses that went to post, two were so closely matched that there was difficulty in selecting the possible winner. Thomas' Disturber got slight consideration and Nibb's Russian Pinion was considered an outsider. However, true to his name Disturber created a little disturbance by knocking all expectations to the four winds. Ridden by Call, this brown horse of Thomas' was sent away flying. In the struggle for the lead over the first hundred yards Call beat the others by setting a pace that was fast and furious. Algardi, who had just finished breaking a track record in the Mile Flat event, got off to a bad start, but caught up with the leaders before many furlongs had been traversed. In the meantime Little Horn, sporting the colors of the Hurd stables had been closing up the gap, but Call with the experience of many years' jockeying at his command always had a reserved spurt and never relinquished the lead. And so they crossed the line with the black and white colors showing the way, but Algardi made such a game fight for second honors that it was not known who had won the place until after the judges had announced a decision. Although there was no outstanding feature on the card, it was an afternoon of close finishes and of thrills. Every race was decided by such close margins that the winner was not known until the horses had come right up to the tape.

The bright feature of the day was the one-mile flat event, and a race that will long be remembered by those who saw it. The prize entries from four stables appeared in this event for thoroughbreds. Nibbs entered his fast gelding, Melos, ridden by Atwell, Myers rode Algardi for the Taylor stables, Lambert Splane had Lassies up on Uncle Sam and the Trotter entry was ridden by Wright. The race was essentially between Algardi and Uncle Sam, for His Nibbs and Melos were never in the contest for any appreciable distance. Myers sent Algardi to the fore at the start with the thundering heels of the Splane entry right behind. They alternated in taking the lead, but were running so close together that it mattered little which was in front from time to time. The head of the home stretch found both jockeys fighting for the lead with Lassies

hugging the rail position. Then began a dead heat which was settled only a few yards from the tape, when Algardi ended the sensational run by crossing the line a winner, by a nose, and chalking up a new record for the mile on the Pinehurst track, 1.43 1-5. Credit must be given to Lassies for riding the best race of his life.

The six furlong flat event was second to none during the afternoon, and was won again by Mildred Eurette in her usual fashion. This bay mare, belonging to Holbrook, who likes to steal out in front and gain a big lead, was sent away flying by Wright. Past the grand stand they thundered for the first time the mare still in the lead with Molly-O., Atwell up, rapidly closing the gap and Lassies, up on Lydonia, close behind. Joe Miller was among the first to drop behind and the fast pace soon left him, Wasseon scrambling in the rear for fourth honors.

No change materialized in the running order until the head of the home stretch was reached and here Molly O tired suddenly and Lydonia was right there to take second place when she relinquished it. Lassies was by no means content with second place and he continued to tear along until he was riding neck and neck with Wright. Then began another thrilling run and so close was the finish that the judges were put to it to decide who won. The award went to Mildred Eurette. It was a hair raising and spectacular performance made not the less so by the fact another record was broken. Time 1.16 3-5.

The class A Harness race developed some events that were not scheduled on the program, namely a spill, a runaway and a hero. Princess Ingomar, owned and driven by V. Eden captured the first heat of this race without much difficulty from a field consisting of Gentry Dictator owned by B. Eden, and driven by Smith, Bonita Bell owned and driven by Shepard and McKinnon's Dolly Gray with S. L. Shepard up. The second heat found all four horses off to a good start but Bonita Bell was soon left behind with Dolly Gray fighting for third place. However, the big gray driven by Shepard found herself on the far stretch and started out to join the leaders. Bunched together they came flying down the home stretch and ten yards from the finishing line Princess Ingomar showed up her thoroughbred blood by making a finish worthy of any pacer, which gave her the heat. Then came the climax and crash, which left Shepard amid his upturned sulkey and the flying feet of Dolly Gray. Her wild ride was quickly brought to a finish by Mr. Thomas in a manner that won the approval of the gallery.

The third and last heat was won by Gentry Dictator, after a stirring chase by Bonita Bell. Princess Ingomar put herself out of the heat by breaking and was unable to recover the ground lost.