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HAMBLETONIAN TROTTING RACE

Hambletonian Day, when town and countryfolk meet for the Kentucky Derby of harness racing. Veteran pilots like Will Gaiter and Tom Berry make this country event a classic. Vic Fleming driving Princess Gert, and few forget old Ben Wright's magnificent victory five years ago. A perfect get-away, no one beat the wire and the 40,000 dollar derby brings 40,000 fans to their feet. Rounding the turn for the home straight their flying hooves beat the tattoo. Spencer Scott in front coming like the wind. And Spencer Scott it is. His grandfather did it in 1928 now Spencer wins his laurels in two straight heats. For 60 year old Fred Eagen it's a lifetime ambition realised. His first Hambletonian victory. 23,000 dollars prize money goes with that cup, and United States Senator James M. Lee joins in salute to today's champion.