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VICTORY OF MORVICH VINDICATES TRAINING METHOD OF OWNERS

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The brilliant triumphs of Morvich in the Kentucky Derby was something more than the twining of news sprays of laurel into the huge wreath already owned by America's super-race horse. It was the vindication of the scoffed at and ridiculed training methods of Fred Burlew, by "smart clocks" of the turf world, who sought to belittle a once obscure trainer.

Morvich came from California a trifle more than a year ago and was so little thought of by Billy Carroll, who then trained him, that he was entered in a \$2,500 selling race. Afterwards Morvich was sold for \$4,500 to Maxey Hirsch, regarded as one of the shrewdest trainers on the American turf.

And Hirsch, who was then an infallible judge of horse-flesh, sold the horse to Burlew for a figure around \$7,800. Before Burlew made his purchase anyone could have had Morvich for that sum—perhaps less. But even though Morvich had won three straight races, without drawing a long breath, all of the fashionable trainers around New York parts, gave no thought to him as a great future. They, like Carroll and Hirsch, didn't like his knotty legs, his rather ungainly conformation, his none too aristocratic breeding.

Saw Possibilities
But Burlew saw in Morvich the wonder horse of the age—and every dollar he had in the world was used in the purchase of the then "ugly duckling" of turfdom.

When Burlew bought Morvich, the highbrow trainers sneeringly remarked that "Burlew is a nut for buying that mutt." When Burlew, only a few days afterward, sold a half interest in Morvich to Ben Block for \$40,000, all turfdom, which had been ridiculing Burlew's claims of greatness for Morvich, concluded that "Block is a bit nuttier than Burlew."

But when Morvich, under the expert handling of Burlew, won one race after another, whipped every crack two-year-old in the east, gathered in winnings of \$115,000 and 11 straight races, those who had scoffed Burlew and Block became silent. Envy had left them rather speechless.

But with the coming of springtime, the chance came again for the trainers and "experts" to scoff and jeer at Burlew. For when Burlew started sending the mighty colt half miles in 46 and miles around 1:40, those racing "experts" who long ago cultivated the idea that they were Solomon-like in their knowledge of turf affairs, caustically remarked:

"Burlew is too fool to run his horse that way—and Block is a double barrel fool to permit him to do it. Morvich will go to the post not merely over-trained but absolutely worn out by those insane speed trials Burlew is giving him. It's too bad some smart trainer isn't handling Morvich."

To all those who sneered at him and questioned his training methods, Burlew, in a quiet, calm way, answered: "Morvich is a super-horse. I know it—so does Mr. Block. But a lot of persons don't. That's why they're wrong. They figure that it's taking the snap out of Morvich to send him a half in 46 or a mile in 1:40. But in the year that I have handled this mighty colt, I have found that it requires no greater effort on his part to do a half mile in 46 than it does for the average horse to run the half in 51."

"The trouble in handling Morvich is not to get speed out of him, but rather to hold him down. In his every workout the boy has had to fight him to keep him from smashing all the stop watches on the track."

"Predicted Derby Win"
"Morvich will win the Derby—off by himself. The idea that he can't go a distance and still carry his phenomenal speed will be scattered for all time when the finish line is crossed. If Morvich is drawing a long breath after that race is over, it shows any positive sign of having been a grueling race with the best three-year-olds in the land—I'll be surprised."

Every prediction of Burlew came true. The amazing son of Runnymede took the lead with the barrier's rise—and never afterward was in danger. He withstood five different challenges from behind—and raced every pretender to his crown to the ground. He ran in front for the entire distance, made his own pace, and won easily. And, when he went back to the judges' stand he was a calm and as cool as though he had just been led from his stall after a night of sleep.

"I don't think the horse lives today—or ever did live—who can take the measure of Morvich," modestly declares Burlew. "In the 12 races of his lifetime he has been led but once—in the Pimlico Futurity. And that was done purposely so Mr. Block and I could find out whether the colt could run from behind. Hard held for seven-eighths of a mile that day he jumped forward when let down—and was in front going away to the end."

"Morvich owns no time records—simply because he never has been let out to his limit. The day may come when some horse will press him through an entire journey. If it does whether the distance is six or 12 furlongs—I feel confident Morvich will shatter the world's record for the distance."

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