

Guy Rutland's Pride and Joy

This City Now The Home of Nationally Known Gold King Bailey, Top Palomino Quarter Horse

Some of the best Palomino horses in this section of the country may be found on the Guy Rutland farm, one mile south and one mile east of Independence, formerly known as the Gus Tobaben farm.

One of his outstanding horses of which Rutland is justly proud, is Gold King Bailey, one of the most famous Palomino quarter horses in the country.

Gold King Bailey is a fleshy six-year-old true Palomino stallion and was purchased by Rutland when 14-months-old from Jack and Paul Smith at Lawton, Okla., for \$1,200.

His conformation and color really need no discussion when one realizes that he has been made grand champion stock horse Palomino stallion at two of the best Palomino shows in the country—the Western Fat Stock Show at Denver, Colo., and the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth, Tex. Both of these shows were in 1948. In addition he has won the blue ribbon in several smaller shows.

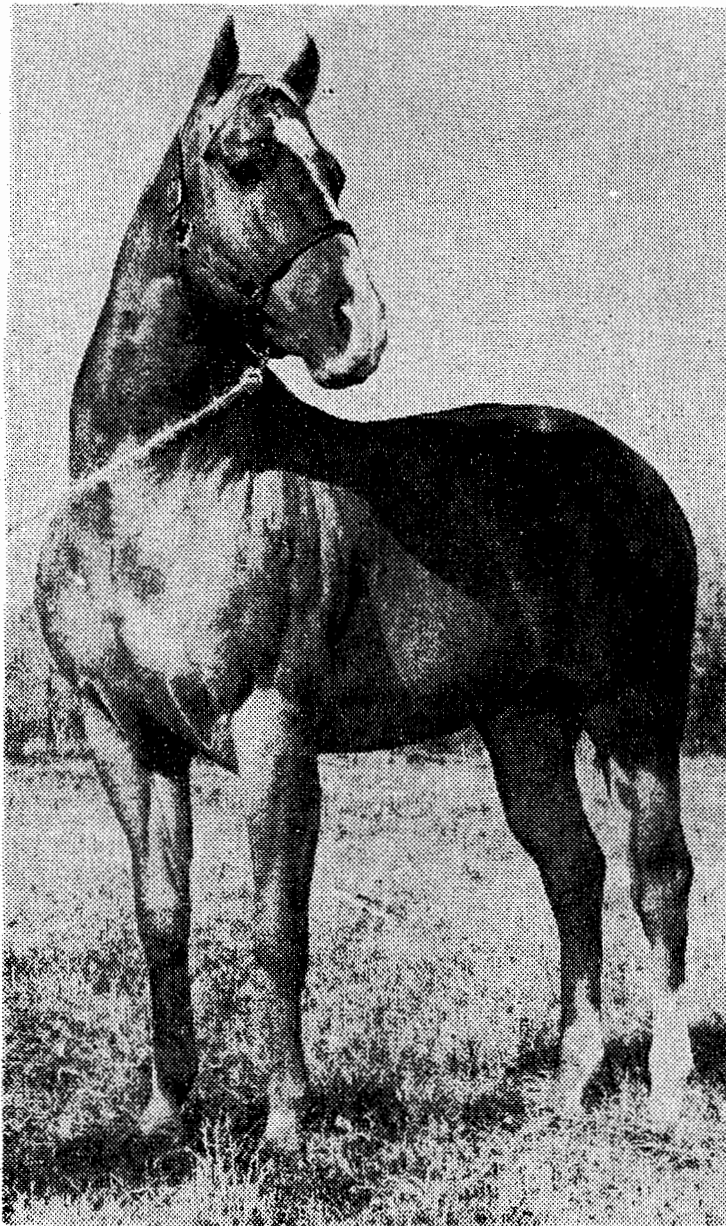
It is as a race horse that Gold King Bailey comes into his own. Sired by the double AA rated Hank H, himself a full brother to the famous Squah H and out of a Wetherford Joe Bailey mare.

The famous horse was matched a few times successfully in 1948, but it was not until the fall of 1949 and '50 that he really started to run.

His first race in 1949 was at the official Oklahoma Quarter Horse Exhibitors Association race meet in Enid, Okla., where he won a 150 yard matched race from Desert Dawn, top son of the famous Question Mark.

His second win at that meet was a matched 220-yard go from Red River Pride in the time of 12.5. These two races are the only times Gold King has ever started on an official track.

He was given only an A grade in his race with Red River Pride because he carried catch weight, but the horse has won a number of races in double AA time unofficially.



GOLD KING BAILEY—The above picture of this outstanding Palomino quarter horse easily shows why he has many times been selected winner in the show ring and on the track. (Photo by Huff)

He finished his '49 season with a clean victory over the famous gelding, Good Eye, at Pawhuska, Okla.

Gold King was at his best in the fall of '50. He started off the season by campaigning in Indiana and Illinois, where he won many friends by setting a new record at Marshall, Ill. On his return to Oklahoma he took a matched race from Blaze and then went to Newkirk to run 250 yards in 13.5. His next good race was at the Pawhuska fall race meet where he took the measure of what is generally considered to be four of the top horses in northern Oklahoma, in one purse race.

Two weeks later Gold King won the 220 yard open race at the Official O. P. E. A. show at Pawhuska. After a three week rest he defeated Bob KK going 330 yards and followed that by a win over the Pawhuska futurity runner up, Sororita, at 275 yards.

His last race was a loss to Good Sam, the only horse that has defeated him, that he in turn has not defeated.

The famous horse is trained by his owner. Rutland does not have a track nor starting gates and no way to check him. He just has a lot of faith in a great horse and blows him out in matched races.

Rutland, a short stocky fellow with a pleasant personality, said that he believed Gold King would be a pretty fair horse if a good trainer had him. This is his first serious attempt to train a race horse.

When asked how much the horse was worth, Rutland smiled and said, "I was offered \$15,000 for him at the Denver horse show in 1948, but turned it down."

Gold King has been on the retired list since rupturing a muscle in his right hind leg at a race meet in Pawhuska last April.

Mr. and Mrs. Rutland and their two children, Clifford and Rebecca, moved here a year ago last April from north of Pawhuska, Okla.

Besides his horse breeding and racing operations, Rutland operates a livestock farm and is now retaining 10 head of horses.

A picture of Gold King Bailey, with the jockey, Hershel Radford, appeared on the cover of a recent issue of "The Ranchman," a horse and livestock magazine. Also in the picture is Mr. Rutland with his young son and Russell Nash, former trainer of the great horse. A story of the horse written by Art Beall from which some of the above story was taken, appeared in the magazine also.—C.C.