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(Zorro (Rogers) went on a bird-finding blitz. He had six finds! Gayfeathers (Arlington) pointed at 7, perfect at flush and shot. At 41 he executed a good back. At 56 he suffered an unproductive. Punchline (O'Neill) and Dust Storm (Johnston) followed. Punch was somewhat close in application but responded well. He stood at 25 in a briar patch. The birds were flown and shot fired. This was his only contact. Punch looked good early. He wasn't seen for thirty minutes. When he was located he was pointing.

Nightshade Bandit (Arlington) worked to the front for the first twenty minutes then went far ahead. At 31 he pointed handsomely. At 41 he failed to back. Desperado was the brace mate and his effort has been highlighted. Perfect Punch (O'Neill) pointed at 8. He looked good. His ground race was forward and reaching. At 16 he pointed out on the left limb. O'Neill flushed the birds. At 30 Punch joined the missing. He returned but his absence had been too long. Pinecone Max (Allen) made a reaching opening cast and wasn't seen after.



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Desperado ran in the tenth brace with Nightshades Bandit (Jack Arlington). Desperado went to the front and worked the edges. He handled and ran for Boser exhibiting a willingness to be in contact yet a desire for the front. At 29 he stood and Boser worked to flush; nothing was produced. He pointed at 41, facing a plum tree thicket. His posture was good and the birds were pinned ahead. When released he went about 300 yards and snapped to a breathtaking point. He was intense as Boser flushed and the quail boiled out. Desperado's last find was at 49. He stood high for the flush and shot. The balance of the hour was spent in search of game and responding to his handler's directions.

Bearcat ran in the twelfth brace with Fiddler's Main Ace (Garey Howell). Bear ran with style and speed. His ground pattern took him along the hedgerows and edges. He hunted and handled. At 31 he pointed facing the pine tree edge. Bear had the birds well located. He used his next contact to good advantage, showing his willingness to hunt and reach. At 53 scout Joe Edwards found Bear pointing. It was hard to find him among the high cover. Bear was intense. He faced a bi-color strip and remained lofty at the flush. He finished going to the front.

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The winners. In foreground, from left: Lamar Mobley; Desperado with Dr. Roger W. Boser and Bearcat with Dominic Dimarcantonio, and Don Gustafson. Standing: Dr. David Dickey, Obed Pittman, John Iwester and Bob Lee, the judges.



Both handlers dismounted and, guns in hand, approached the dogs. Willie's handler went to the rear of his dog. There was an extended flushing attempt; the birds finally took flight. Arlington shot. As he returned to his dog Karr shot. At 5 Talker pointed in bi-color and birds were flown. At 29 Willie stood but he went with the quail. Talker was picked up at 40.

Penny's Little Sheba (Jeffers) pointed at 6, looked good, perfect at flush. Sheba was animated but suffered unproductives at 12 and 31. Sundew (Arlington) had a nice find at 7. She approached Sheba standing and failed to back. Here's Johnny (Mobley) moves with grace and covers the ground well. At 8 he pointed facing pine row. Lamar dismounted and Johnny chose to go with the birds. Silverheels (Pat O'Neill) backed at 7. Pat had trouble moving him on but he finally obliged. At 26 he had a stop to flush and at 31 he suffered an unproductive and was picked up.

Ripide did a good job for Edwards. This red setter ran the course well and looked good on his game. At 15 he pointed and stood well for flush and shot. At 59 he stood high on both ends for flush and shot. Darkman (Coile) made some good swings but not enough. At 58 he pointed in small hardwoods, birds located in front.

Sentry's Showcase (J. O'Neill) moved with good style but suffered two unproductives. Bill's Return (S. Walker) did a very nice job. His first find came at 23. He executed a good back at 39 and

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Silk Sails (Allen) was attractive in movement and on game. She had her first find at 6. She was tight for flush and shot. Sails' next find was facing pines. She had her birds to the front. Sails did a good job. Bracemate Moneyback Jake (Milton) backed handsomely at 6. He then took the high road and wasn't seen again.

South's Brushpopper (Dickey) ran a good forward, reaching race but had no game contacts. Trophylands Boogerman (Bosworth) had a couple of unique situations during his hour. He ran well, and responded to handler. At 12 Booger pointed; no birds were found. He was relocated. He returned to the fore and stood thirty yards from where he had been. Bosworth found nothing. He looked down and a dead bird was underfoot. The second situation happened at 53. Booger stood in small pine tree area. When we approached the missing dog from the prior brace was standing, almost invisible, ahead. Judge instructed the scout to remove the errant dog without disturbing Boogerman. Boswell fired. Boogerman never moved. He was still credited with a back.

Hytess Abby (Elliot) left at the breakaway and wasn't seen again. Enoree River Grit (Page) worked the forward edges for the first twenty minutes. Her first find was at 41. Grit wasn't as stylish as she should be at shot. At 50 she displayed proper manners and looked good. Buzzsaw's Honky Tonk (Weaver) and Mallock (Hurst). Honky Tonk ran with style but failed to heed Weaver's direc-

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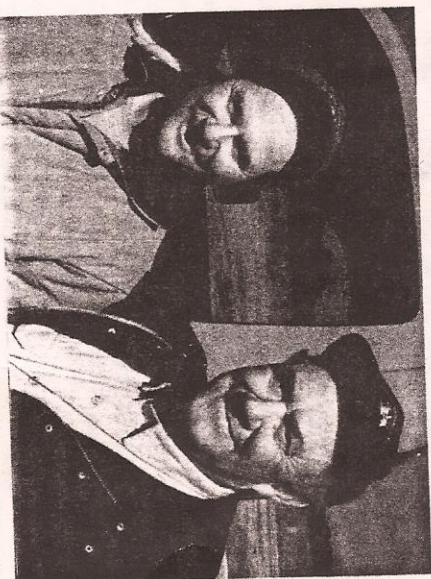
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Waynesboro, Ga., February 1
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REGION 16 AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP
[One-Hour Heats] — 82 Entries

Winner—DESPERADO, 1336808, Irish setter male, by Come Bearcat—Come Back Rosie. Dr. Roger W. Boser, owner and handler.

Runner-Up—BEARCAT, 1291796, Irish setter male, by Come Back Choo Choo—Sugar Plum Christmas. Dr. Roger W. Boser, owner and handler.



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