

If he win, course he gets another saddle horse for his working for his rider. Course, sometimes they pay him money and something else, you know. Maybe a blanket or something else.

(Well, did they ever do anything to train their race horses?)

Yeah, they trained their horses on just a straight run, we call it. From one mile to half a mile. And they don't feed them certain thing, they just out in the pasture, of course, they didn't know that much about that to keep the horses in good shape. But they do keep them in good shape by giving them good pasture and good, clean water. And they rub them just like the white people. They rub them with, oh, they got some kind of liquid. But the Indians they just rub them. All in their back, you know, up in their legs. Rub them down. That's the way they train them and they don't let nobody ride the race horse, or the buffalo horses. They don't let nobody ride them. And they keep watching them. They tie them close to their tipi where they live to watch them. And they lead them to water themselves. That's the way they train them. And then a certain time, when they need to run a little bit, they take them out and they have a nice run, you know, where there was no rocks. They were clean, you know, and that's why they train them. Run and then back. Keep them in shape that way.

(Did they ever try to get them to eat certain kinds of grass or anything?)

Not that I know of.

(Well, when they were rubbing them down, what did they use?)

They rub them down with just a rag, not any medicine or liquid. I know of several of them--they keep them washed up good, keep them clean.