



WAITING — Alert for orders, Finnegan, an Irish water spaniel, keeps his eyes on his master, Orin Benson, as he waits his turn to retrieve or show off his other accomplishments.

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Dogs, Circus Thrills

WITH The Milwaukee Sentinel Sports, Travel and Boat Show once again in operation, dog trainer Orin Benson of Eagle, Wis., makes his usual big impression, particularly with hunters, when he puts his troupe of retrievers and pointers through their paces.

Benson's outstanding ability to train hunting dogs is easily seen in his demonstrations.

Using live pheasants or ducks, Benson literally places the birds under the noses of his dogs, who remain under control until they are given a verbal or arm command to either retrieve or point.

It becomes all the more remarkable to exert such control over the dogs in front of large crowds that are often distracting.

Trainer Makes Tours

Benson, who makes his living training hunting dogs, will appear at the Arena Auditorium twice daily at 3:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. stage-tank shows that last an hour and a half.

The master dog trainer's avocation is taking some of his customers' dogs and some of his own on tour, with appearances at major sports shows around the nation.

Joining Benson on the popular stage and water show platform will be Miss Linda Richardson, a 115 pound sophomore at Rufus King High School, a judo and karate expert, who is making her first appearance at the Sports Show.

The 15 year old girl has become one of the surprise hits

among the performers by slammimg her instructor around the mat.

Black Belt Earned

Despite her expertise at judo and karate, it is just a hobby for Miss Richardson, who has won 18 straight victories in her last judo matches and has earned a first degree black belt.

Her instructor, Norm Miller, is her opponent at the Sports Show. He predicted recently that Miss Richardson would become one of the best. Miller said she had the right kind of temperament. She stays cool, Miller said.

Everybody's favorite