

DOWN - The BACK STRETCH



If conditions are favorable the Victoria Driving Club will run off seven classes this afternoon. These are tune-up meets for the big inter-provincial races which will be held at Halifax and Dartmouth in mid-February with a return meet at Charlottetown for championships.

The many friends of E. F. Acorn, who was for years connected with harness racing either as an owner or starter, will regret to learn that he suffered an accident last week which resulted in his leg being broken. Yesterday his condition was reported as very satisfactory. Ed will no doubt come out of this as he has from other illnesses with the same unflinching spirit and buoyant cheerfulness.

About a week ago W. R. Dennis, proprietor of the Cash and Carry Grocery, who plans building White Spot Raceway, St. Peter's Road, suffered a stroke. Yesterday his condition was reported as pretty good. He is being treated at the St. John's Hospital. Mr. Dennis is hoping for a complete recovery.

Word comes from Skowhegan, Maine, that the track owned by Ackerman, well known trainer, is very high on the two-year-old fillies. Rosa, owned by W. G. Stewart, New Glasgow, N.S. This mare is one of the dam of Bunter Hanover 2:04 and Caded Hanover and granddam of Sister Bertha 2:02 1/2. She is staked extensively and friends of Mr. Stewart are hoping that she will be a big winner.

Ragner Thorgren, the Swedish horseman importer who visited the United States recently, offered \$20,000 for Phonograph 1:59 1/2, recently added to the stud at Walnut Hill Farm, Lexington, Va. Phonograph is a son of Volomite 2:03 1/2, dam Symphonia 2:06, and is a full brother of Sonata 3:20, recently purchased by Gainaway Farms, Lexington, from Dr. F. C. Dougan.

Edwin Keller, who acts as race secretary for Old Orchard Beach, Maine, Grand Circuit meets, is the racing secretary at Santa Anita, California, and he is busy taking entries for the meetings there and at Hollywood which will be held in April and May. By extensive advertising and by selling to owners all over the United States, hundreds of horses have been pledged to start the 1946 campaign.

The purses are most generous and the climate is ideal. In fact it is a horseman's dream to go to Hollywood where the horses will train and race their first time. The purses are \$10,000 for 16 horses are taking their first with trainer Jackie Mahoney assisted by Charlie Mackey. Among the members are Blue Boy 2:01, Doctor Brodie 2:02 1/2, Eddie D. 2:00, Phyllis Mite, Prince Richard and the six others of lesser note. Neal Boardman has arrived with 10 including H. E. Direct 2:04 1/2, Hyome Wopler 2:04, Sky Raider 2:03 1/2, while Curly Smart, who at Macon, Ga., plans to leave a little later with a group of fast record horses. Budlong con. Delwood Edwin Keller states that all of the 600 stalls will likely be taken up by the time the meeting starts.

Pugwash, N.S. is now one of the busiest of the smaller horse racing centres. At present ice racing is in full swing and winter sports are having a lot of fun. A friend writing says: "We have quite a few horses here now. Cy Allen has Jean Henley 2:03, Mark Gillis has a three-year-old colt by Bill L. dam Betty Direct 2:08. Don Mowatt has a very doubtful Peter Budlong 2:10 1/2 that has filled out and weighs at least 75 lbs. more than ever. Also Rainey G. Henley 2:06, which looks like one of the best on ice here; also Princess Kalmuck, and a three-year-old by Calumet, Fingo 2:04, full brother to Colonel Dan 2:14 that shows lots of pace. According to Charlie Delia Aubrey, which Mr. McAulay purchased from Dick Simms some months ago.

Fred S. Morton, Milton, Quebec, N.S., writes that he has a colt like to have the address of Clarence Schuman who drove his horse Sunny Hal 2:12 at Bridgewater last fall. Mr. Morton loves horses and would be interested in hearing from someone who has a good racing prospect either a colt or filly or partially developed horse. If this catches the eye of anyone who has Mr. Schuman's address, please telephone or write Mr. Morton direct.

Charlie Ballard sends us some news from Sydney Mines, which is one of the busiest places in the Maritimes. According to Charlie the coming year will find plenty of horses ready for the word in

P. W. C. Players Lead in Scoring at Half Way Mark Unofficial Records Show

Bill Robertson, rugged winger of the Prince of Wales hockey team, chalking up five goals and a like number of assists led the City Hockey League individual scoring race for the first round, an unofficial compilation revealed yesterday.

Robertson, who has been a tower of strength to the P. W. C. cause all along is followed in order by two teammates. "Bud" Beer chalking up six goals and two assists for a total of eight and Clayton N. Colles, a linemate of Robertson's, accounting for six goals and one assist for seven points.

Leading goal-getters of the league are Beer and Nicolie with six apiece while in the assist department Dowling is the Legion tops with the list with six.

Table with columns: Player, Goals, Assists, Points. Lists players like Robertson (PWC), Beer (PWC), Dowling (Leg), etc.

Bantams Win From Eagles

Grade VI Bantams of West Kent School came through with an 8-5 victory over the Eagles of the same grade in an exhibition game played on Rochford Square rink Thursday.

Bobby White led the scoring attack of the winners as he notched four goals during the encounter while Connie McNeill adding two and McLennan, Kays and MacLean notching up the others.

Lineups: Eagles: Goal, Bell; defence, Hoyt, Mulse; forwards, Windsor, Carmo, Thacker, Weston, Birt, Cameron.

Bantams: Goal, Scoble; defence, McLennan, Watson, Harper; forwards, McNeill, White, McNeill, Kays, Partridge, Reardon.

Canadians-Rangers Meet in H. R. League

The Canadians, currently leading the Holy Redeemer House League at the Upper Queen Street rink in Moncton, will meet the cellar-dwelling Rangers in a week-end game. During this week two games were postponed because of weather conditions and will have to be played later.

At present the Canadians have six points to head the league standings, while the Rangers have four and the Bruins two. The Rangers have yet to gather a point.

Black Hawks Seek Western Players

EDMONTON, Jan. 25 - (CP) - Bobby Carson, flashy center of the Edmonton return from the Bruins in the Western Canada Senior Hockey League, is being sought by the Black Hawks and is expected to be signed by the W.C.S.H.L.

At Halifax Natal Day races June 19, 1945, Robert Brown by Frank Boutlier, won a \$1,000 match race from Bob Mac, owned by Edgar Campbell, time, 2:19 1/2, 2:14 1/2. To honor his services in preparing their horses in recent years the time made in the events at Halifax on June 19th may seem very fast for such early season meetings. It must be remembered, however, that horsesman have been racing their horses practically in racing condition all winter and that plans are being made to build a key team.

The sympathy of horsemen throughout the Maritimes will be extended to F. C. McCurdy, well known horseman of Truro, N.S., who recently lost his highly esteemed mother, Mrs. Nancy Christie McCurdy, Mrs. McCurdy was the widow of the late R. O. McCurdy and had been a resident of Truro for many years. All of her seven children survive.

J. M. Armstrong who is a member of the speed department of the Truro Exhibition Association, was here on a visit, leaving on return today. Mr. Armstrong says that plans are being made to build additional stalls, grand stand accommodation and other improvements that will make the Truro race meet even more popular. The dates for this season are the 27th, 28th and 29th of August, and it is expected that their race meet will draw a large entry list.

Tyndal Semple paid us a friendly call on Thursday and we learn that practically all his attention is now being directed to caring for and training colts. Among them are several sired by Squire Hanover 2:08, coholder with Watkinson 2:08 1/2 of the Summerside track trotting record of 2:05. That was a race the fans will not soon forget—two trotting giants met but unfortunately too early in the season before either was keyed up for such a gruelling duel of speed.

New Glasgow Defeats Truro Bearcats 3-2

(By The Canadian Press) NEW GLASGOW, N. S., Jan. 25 - Truro Bearcats went down to the third defeat of the season when New Glasgow Bombers out-fought them 3-2 here tonight in a regular A.F.O. Senior Hockey League game. The Bearcats still were far out in front in the league standing.

The summary: First Period: 1-New Glasgow, Powell 6:02; 2-Truro, C. Roach 15:48; 3-New Glasgow, Hancock (R. Jardine) 16:04.

Second Period: 4-Truro, Conlick (MacEachern) 15:03; 5-New Glasgow, Jackson (Whitlock, Powell) 17:40.

Remember When: By The Canadian Press. Howie Morens was traded by Chicago Black Hawks to New York Rangers 10 years ago today for Glen Broderick.

S'ide Juveniles Swamp Moncton By 15-1 Score

The Moncton Kinsmen Juveniles, a band of gamely fighting but badly outclassed pucksters, went down to defeat at the hands of the Summerside Kinsmen Juveniles by the lopsided score of 15 to 1 last night at the Crystal Rink.

Lineups: S'ide: Goal, Lecky, Woodside; defence, Oatway, Huestis; forwards, McLean, Ferguson, MacKay, Oatway, McNally.

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HUNTERS' CORNER

Hunting for sport has always loomed large in the affairs of mankind but never before has it reached such an important peak of eminence as it has reached at the present time.

They have learned that by the introduction of new species of game birds they can remove the strain from the native species and increase the pleasure of days spent with rod gun and man's inseparable and truest friend—his hunting dog.

Since then I have always had an aversion to roaming cats. I give them a fair trial in my home and at that I feel I am too generous. Here in this province we have thousands of house cats, some that have reverted to the wild and others not so wild.

They take a considerable number of field mice but they also kill many of our valuable insectivorous birds as well as sporting game birds that have a high potential food value for man.

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Benefit Game For Injured Hockey Player

(By The Associated Press) ST. LOUIS, Jan. 25 - The St. Louis Flyers announced yesterday that 75 per cent of the gross receipts of their American Hockey League game with New Haven on Tuesday night will be given to Ed Brown, rookie flyer defenseman from South Forcupine, Ont., who lost an eye as the result of a player accident at New Haven earlier this month.

George Carson, general manager of the club, said Brown would be guaranteed a minimum of \$5,000 and estimated that his share would amount to \$7,500 if the attendance reached 10,000 fans.

Previously, the Flyers had asked permission of the league to play a special benefit game for Brown against an all-star team, but the league refused to grant the request.

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IN THIS CORNER

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The largest crowd of the season numbering close to 1400 fans, saw S. D. U. and F. W. C. stage a mighty battle at the Forum Thursday night in a City Hockey League fixture. F. W. C. won by a 7-0 score, but in the main it was really no indication of the play.

Saints, weakened by sickness in their ranks, were just not up to the standard they had shown in their other two games, but notwithstanding, despite the mounting score against them forced the Weshlman to show their best wares in obtaining their victory.

Charlottetown's Legionnaires hockey squad, already registered with the M. A. H. A., are going out after a Maritime title. Such was the word received yesterday and to this, W. Frowse coached squad should provide plenty of competition for the squads they will face in Nova Scotia or New Brunswick.

Legionnaires in their first few workouts of the season gave little indication that they would be contending in the battle for the City Hockey League title. But since that time they have improved rapidly under the coaching of W. Frowse.

The visit of the Moncton Maroons, who are slated to meet All-Star squad here, the night of February 6th in Holy Grads, is being looked forward to by local hockey fans. Maroons who have been talking up the top Maritime teams of last season, are expected to be met with more than a fair share of success and their appearance here should give local fans an inkling of how they compare with that being played in the sister provinces.

Last year it will be remembered that New Glasgow Bombers made an appearance here. The local squad picked for that game came from the ranks of the R. C. A. F. had their first workout of the season at the Forum Thursday afternoon and according to the opinion of the coaches present the Cadets will present a strong lineup when they tangle in games with teams from the Army and Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Ranging from high school to third year Prince of Wales students Air Cadets will have plenty of weight on defence and forward lines once the ultimate squad is chosen and Coach Hunter will have no easy task in selecting the team that will take on the other two branches of the service.

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