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DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

Mack Todd 2.15 1-2 is dead. He met with an accident recently that made it necessary to destroy him, much to the regret of owner Frank Glover, Summerside. Mack was champion ice trotter of Prince Edward Island in 1925, winning the J. A. Messervey trophy for driver Doug MacLeod.

Two weeks ago we had some particulars in these notes regarding the formation of the National Trotting Association back in 1870, and mentioned the long term as Secretary which the present occupant, Mr. W. H. Gocher, has served. This brought the following letter from Mr. Gocher:—

"I wish to acknowledge receipt of copy of The Guardian for December 19th, in which you reproduce a sketch of The National Trotting Association. It has certainly been on the go a long time. I also had the pleasure of being personally acquainted with a number of the gentlemen who started it back in 1869 and 1870. They are no longer with us but they certainly enjoyed the road horses and trotters we had in the old days when everybody had a little speed and was willing to turn it on at every opportunity.

"I will never forget some of the wonderful displays to wagon and to sleigh which I saw in New York in the old days before automobiles were thought of. In fact, the most remarkable was a run of sleighing they had in 1887. Every conceivable kind of vehicle with runners was out for an airing. The drivers and their guests had plenty of furs to keep them warm and the horses enough bells to keep them entertained with music. That year Seventh Avenue was the great show ground."

Mild weather has been general all over. The December 30th number of The Horseman and Fair World says: "The mild weather in practically every centre has prevented any ice racing at this writing."

Floraline, last and fastest pacer by Archdale 2.04 1-4, took a record of 2.05 3-4 last summer at Sadalia, Mo. This mare is in her fourteenth year and had nine foals before being placed in training.

Will Caton, who it will be remembered was for years trainer of the Russian Imperial stables and on returning to the United States developed and marked among others the world's champion three-year-olds The Marchioness and Protector, both with records of 1.59 1-4, states that when Protector trotted to his record he carried 19 ounces on each front foot, not shoes alone, this weight included shoe, toe weight and quarter boot. Apparently weight did not handicap this colt, but of course he was large and powerful and could carry more than an ordinary three-year-old.

The following is copied from the December 30th number of The Harness Horse, published in Philadelphia. "With the closing of the year the thought strikes us that quite a large number of our readers are unacquainted with some of the very important periods in the history of our sport so we well, in a brief manner, try to impart some information on the subject to the uninitiated and refresh the memories of others.

"Trotting contests can be traced to a much earlier period than 1824, it is true, but in that year the first authenticated performance took place in which a mile was trotted in three minutes or better in harness for a prize and on a measured course in the presence of judges and timers. At that period there was not a trotting track in the United States or elsewhere, and the old Jamaica Turnpike on Long Island, N. Y., later known as Jamaica Avenue, was the scene of this historic contest. The contending trotters were Topgallant and Betsey Baker, two New York road horses, matched by their owners for $1,000 a side bet to go three miles from East New York to Sneedeker's road-house, near the then new Union Course, where Eclipse and Henry, representing the North and South, had run four-mile heats just the year before for $40,000 in stakes. Samuel Purdy, the amateur horseman who had ridden Eclipse, also drove Topgallant and again came off victorious. The winner's time was 8.42, or at the rate of 2.54 to a mile.

Two years later, in 1826, the pioneer trotting course of the country was opened by the New York Trotting Club at the Village of Centreville, L. I., and ten years later over this track Dutchman, the greatest trotter of his time, won the first heat on record (2.38 3-4) in which 2.40 was equalled or bettered.

"The first 2.30 trotter, Lady Suffolk, by Lewis' Engineer, appeared in 1845, and her mark of 2.29 1-2 was set in a race over the Beacon Course, Hoboken. A contemporary picture of this noted gray mare is reproduced on this week's cover. And fourteen years later, 1859, Flora Temple first crossed the 2.20 line, she trotting three consecutive heats at Kalamazoo, Mich., in 2.23 1-2, 2.22, 2.19 3-4.

"Twenty-five years later, in 1884, Jay-Eye-See, by Dictator, trotted in 2.10; and in 1903 Lou Dillon trotted the Readville track in 2.00. Since which period there have been twenty-two others to join the charmed circle inaugurated by Lou Dillon. The latest reduction in the record occurred in 1922, when Peter Manning staged his championship performance of 1.56 3-4 at Lexington, Ky., and the greatest demonstration of trotting speed in a race was that staged by the marvelous four-year-old, Greyhound when he won at Springfield, Ill., in 1936 in 1.57 1-4.

"In the early days of harness racing, years were devoted to making a trotter, and it was not until 1852 that a mile in three minutes was credited to a three-year-old, Rose of Washington trotting in 2.56 and 2.54 at Jamaica, L. I. When Elvira Whiteside passed the 2.40 mark, trotting in 2.39 in 1860, Flora Temple had set the mark for aged performers of that gait at 2.19 3-4; Lady Stout's mile in 2.29 in 1874, when three, found Goldsmith Maid 2.14 champion; and the mile of Hinda Rose in 2.20 in 1883, was still nearly ten seconds short of the 2.10 1-4 of Maud S., the aged champion at that time.

"Ten years later, in 1893, the late E. F. Geers had the distinction of appearing behind the first three-year-old trotter to beat 2.10, Fantasy (3) 2.08 3-4; in 1910 Colorado E. passed the 2.05 mark by his record mile of 2.04 3-4; and visitors who remained at Lexington following the closing Grand Circuit meeting of 1924 had the extreme satisfaction of seeing the two-minute goal reached by the great son of Guy Axworthy 2.08 3-4 and Widow Maggie 2.24 1-2, Mr. McElwyn, with Ben White up. Seven others of like age have since been enrolled in the same select group, Spencer (3) 1.59 3-4, Charlotte Hanover (3) 1.59 1-2, Hanover's Bertha (3) 1.59 1-2, Protector (3) 1.59 1-4, The Marchioness (3) 1.59 1-4, Greyhound (3) 2.00 and Margaret Castleton (3) 1.59 3-4.

"Today, just two and one-half seconds is the difference between the fastest mile ever accomplished by an aged trotter, Peter Manning 1.56 3-4, when six, and the present record of 1.59 1-4 for a three-year-old. The past century has witnessed the establishment of a foundation stock of trotting blood-lines that produces the instinct to follow that method of progression to such an extent that we may in the near future see the championship honors held by a trotter of three years of age."

A subscriber writing in The Harness Horse says:—"One morning during the past fall I watched a very capable blacksmith make a swedged shoe and it interested me to such an extent that when he picked up another piece of steel to make a mate for same, I decided to count the blows in the process of converting the straight piece into the finished article. The result was 512 blows, of this total 392 were with a four-pound hammer and 120 with a three-quarter pound finishing hammer, hence the lifting of 1658 pounds in the making of one eight-ounce swedge open shoe. Later I asked him if he ever counted the blows he struck in any particular job and he stated he did not. I also asked him what, in his opinion was the most difficult feat of the farrier's art and his reply was, "What most of us find the most difficult of our trade is to make two specially designed shoes alike, have them mates. A few "cinder-heads" can, yet several who are freely considered the best often fall down at the job.'" Next time Emmet Gallant is making a pair of shoes for your trotter or pacer, just count the blows—if you can follow them and have the necessary patience.

A new track record for trotters was established at Dufferin track, Toronto, December 18th, when Guy Lee by Lee Harvester, trotted the third mile of his race in 2.12 1-4, replacing the previous record of 2.13 1-2 made by The Piker, back in 1930. Guy Lee is a full brother to the sensational pacer Baldwin 2.02 1-2 and is one of the best trotters racing in Ontario. He took a record of 2.09 1-2 in September, racing in a field of pacers.

Guy Lee's mark does not constitute an "ice" record, there being no ice on the track at the time. The ground was frozen hard an therefore afforded fast footing. Dufferin track was the scene of many stirring contests this fall and winter similar to other years. It was there the world's trotting record on ice was established in 1916 by Chilicoot, that mark being afterwards reduced by The Yank to 2.15 1-2 at Mount Clements, Michigan. It is noteworthy that the present ice record for the Dufferin track—2.16 1-4—is held by Fred Medium and was made December 27th, 1927, one month after his his sale to a Charlottetown horseman!

Perry Wins Second Match From Vines

CLEVELAND, Jan. 8—Fred Perry of England defeated the ailing Ellsworth Vines, professional tennis star, tonight 13-11, 6-3 in their second match of a tour for which the British former amateur champion turned pro.

Vines tired out in the first set, which developed into a terrific deuce battle. Members of the tennis troupe said Vines still was suffering from influenza which affected his play when Perry defeated him in their first match in New York's Madison Square Garden Wednesday night.

The match was reduced to two sets out of three instead of the usual three out of five. Vines appeared in good spirits as he took the courts before 3,000 spectators in Cleveland Public Auditorium.

The American served and won the first game. He held the lead to a score of 5-3. Then he let down and Perry evened it up in dashing style. With deuce at 6-6, the world's two top tennis stars, really went to work. The rallies were long and furious. The ensuing games were base-line duels, driving hard for the corners.

Both held service until 11-all. Vines then looked very tired. Perry became stronger and rushed the net. A net cord ball helped Perry break Vines' service at 12-11. Then he swept into the net to sew up the set.

Vines went completely down on the second set. He lost his own service and Perry's. He won the third by slamming his serves and avoiding volleys. Perry took it easy on the next two and dropped them.

The Briton came back strong and ran his lead to 5-3. The final game was on Vines' service and he ran it to advantage only to have Perry rally to the net and put the match away.

Basketball League Is Re-organized

Re-organization of the city basketball league with six teams was completed last night. Mr. J.J. Connolly was elected president at a meeting at the Y.M.C.A. presided over by retiring president Alex Matheson.

Teams composing the league are: R.C.N.V.R., Senior Y, St. Dunstan's University, Prince of Wales College, Hi-Y, and a newcomer, the Superiors.

Other officers elected were: secretary, J. Leightizer; executive, W. McIsaac, R.C.N.V.R.; G. Sinclair, Senior Y.; Cote, S.D.U.; A. Larter, P.W.C.; F. Storey, Hi-Y, and J. Walker, Superiors.

A vote of thanks was tendered retiring president Alex Matheson for his splendid work during the past year.

It was announced at the meeting that the new executive would meet Monday evening at 7 o'clock.

Opening Bonspeil At Curling Rink Today

Charlottetown curlers begin the season's activities this afternoon with the opening of annual East vs West competition. Itching for the past several weeks to resume their battles in the "roarin' game," club members are set to give vent to their pent-up feelings and competition for the "City Shield" is expected to be unusually keen.

The first of the Saturday club suppers is to be held in the banquet hall at the rink at 6 o'clock and the committee has made arrangements for a full attendance.

Earlier in the day the bonspiel will be started. Rinks have been drawn and all is in readiness. All that remains now is for the weatherman to provide plenty of frost for keen ice. The committee has announced that any members whose names have been omitted will be found places should they desire to curl.

Following is the draw and the hours of play:

2 P. M.

WEST	EAST
F. Chappell	R. Seaman
F. McPhee	Reg Jenkins
Miles	Saunders
Hyndman	Moore
—Skip	—Skip
R. E. Jenkins	H. Richardson
Geo McQuaid	N. Walker
Houston	A. Pickard
MacKinnon	Townsend
—Skip	—Skip
T. W. L. Prowse	C. Davis
Dr. Pierce	H. Callbeck
McGregor	Cordwell
Lord	Swindell
—Skip	—Skip
Earl Baker	Ben Conrad
Fred Moore	W. Patterson
Worthy	Ellison
Winchester	McLaine
—Skip	—Skip

3.30 P. M.

S. Beaton	J. Hillion
Dewar	G. Avard
Walker	M. McKinnon
Black	Bentley
—Skip	—Skip
E. D. Nicholson	Don Gass
T. Chandler	J. Howatt
Dr. Tidmarsh	Lawson
Belcher	Fripps
—Skip	—Skip
Art McPherson	J. Montgomery
H. Howatt	R. McLeod
Creelman	Mutch
Scott	Full
—Skip	—Skip
Earl Swan	Fred Nash
H. W. Ives	S. McDonald
J. B. Johnson	J. S. MacDonald
Sear	Hughes
—Skip	—Skip

5 P. M.

Herb Pletch	Thos Davies
Chas McKenzie Sr	R. C. Parent
Keeping	Turner
F. Johnson	McIntyre
—Skip	—Skip
F. Ritcey	T. G. Ives
Dr. Waye	Wm. Keever
Giddings	M. Stewart
Cobb	G. McLeod
—Skip	—Skip
Dave Stewart	A. R. McInnis
Hogg	Chas Wilson
Mathieson	Thompson
Stewart	Simmonds
—Skip	—Skip
Geo. Keefe	T. Phillips
A. McKinnon	Dr. Robins
Boulter	Wilson
Morris	Thompson
—Skip	—Skip

7.30

W. W. Baker	M. Burgess
S. Wright	L. McDougall
I. McDonald	R. Spillett
Bell	Davies
—Skip	—Skip
Chas. McKenzie	E. McDonald
Gaudet	Brenton
W. Duffy	A. Spillett
Duffy	Brenton
—Skip	—Skip
N. J. Anderson	N. McLean
G. Hutcheson	C. Ives
Campbell	Worth
Williams	Fraser
—Skip	—Skip

Spares—H. Spillett, Geo. Hennessey, N. Matheson, Bill Burnett, Thane Campbell.

Ambers Held To Draw Bout By Venturi

NEW YORK, Jan. 8 — Enrico Venturi, Italian lightweight stylist, served notice he is a candidate for 135-pound honors tonight by holding champion Lou Ambers to a draw in a 10-round over-the-weight bout in Madison Square Garden tonight.

Ambers weighed 136 and Venturi 138 1-4.

The decision was greeted by a round of derisive booing from the gallery of 10,000, most of whom seemed to think flashy Venturi had given Ambers his third setback since he won the title from Tony Canzoneri four months ago.

Prior to tonight's bout Ambers had been defeated in two over-the-weight starts by Eddie Cool of Philadelphia and Jimmy McLarnin, Canada's foremost welterweight champion.

The Associated Press score card credited six rounds to Venturi, three to Ambers and called one even.

Paid attendance was announced as 9,315 and the receipts $18,886.31.

FORUM TODAY

SPECIAL SKATE THIS AFTERNOON
3-5 — 11c — 16c
TONIGHT AT 7.30 O'CLOCK
L. P. U. vs. PIRATES (Commercial League)
9 o'clock—CROSS ROADS vs. DUNSTAFFNAGE
Admission both games 16c

Light Harness Racing Due For Comeback

NOTE: This is one of a series of stories written for the Associated Press by outstanding United States sports leaders. They deal with 1936 developments and 1937 prospects).

(By E. Roland Harriman)
(Chairman, Trotting Horse Club of America)

(A.P. By Guardian's Special Wire)

NEW YORK, Jan. 8—Much cause for rejoicing as the American light harness turf has in looking backward at 1936, its best season in 10 years, the eyes of the trotting sport are turned confidently ahead to 1937 which bears every promise of exceeding the past season in number of race meetings, value of purses, development of amateur matinee driving clubs for both men and women, and new, richer stakes for all-aged horses.

Registering gains of 25 per cent in purses throughout the country an expanded Grand Circuit schedule over 1935, increases in attendance at race meetings, and greater personal pardicipation in the sport by amateurs than ever before, the last season has become history.

The new year, offering new stakes worth more than $50,000 for all-aged trotters and pacers with handicaps provided for the fastest performers; a strong grand circuit schedule promising nearly continuous summer racing along the Eastern seaboard, as well as through the midwest, and probably later in California, causes all of us deep-dyed trotting horsemen to regard 1937 through rosetinted glasses.

The Trotting Horse Club is leading the way toward richer, more diversified stakes for all classes of harness horses. Realizing that the two and three year old colt stakes already provided sufficient competition, the sport is now being offered events for older horses with particularly fast records, and handicapping the swiftest of these so that every owner, with his typically "game" mount has a chance to win.

The new blood streaming into the trotting sport was already evidenced at the Old Glory sale held here Thanksgiving week. This annual auction of the blueblooded yearlings bred at the famous standardbred nurseries saw total prices swing $48,925 above the 1935 figures.

The last season saw speed marks, long and jealously guarded, fall before the onslaught of such champions as Rosalind, Greyhound, Twilight Song, Dusty Hanover, Little Pat, Ed Lasater, Edna Brewer, Calumet Evelyn and Margaret Castleton. While all of these and other leaders in their classes will be back in 1937 to better their own marks, a new school of talent is rapidly rounding into shape to challenge the old campaigners.

Baseball Fan Awarded $7,500 Damages

(A. P. by Guardian's Special Wire)

NEW YORK, Jan 8—David Levy, 25, a Philadelphia restaurant manager who chased a foul ball in Yankee Stadium and charged he was clouted by Stadium operatives, won a jury verdict for $7,500 today. He sued for $60,000.

Levy said the beating he received resulted in a fractured skull, concussion of the brain, and lacerations on his body. Lou Gehrig hit the foul ball and Levy tried to retrieve when it bounced from the backstop netting Aug. 4, 1934.

Held To One Counter In First Two Periods Locals Bag Four In Final Session

After a five year's absence Island League hockey came back to the Forum last night and as 600 fans looked on a fast-skating, young Abegweit team, led by the veteran Jackie Kane, chalked up victory number one by defeating a rugged Summerside Crystal team 5-0.

Trading check for check with their much heavier opponents as the game took on a distinctly rough edge the cohorts of Harold Gross gradually began to take the upper hand; they were held to one goal in the first two periods but in the third frame their attack suddenly began to click and shortly after the halfway mark had been reached they had run the score to 4-0. Then they made the evening complete by scoring on a penalty shot, Cudmore driving the rubber home after an Abbie player had been tripped with a free path to the goal.

That is the scoring side of the game but in between those counters the two old rivals, starting right where they left off five years ago staged a rugged free-hitting affair, with a brief fist fight thrown in for good measure. No punches were pulled; it was slam-bang all the way with a continual parade to the penalty bench. But the fans enjoyed the continual action, roaring themselves hoarse at the rugged battling and then applauding wildly as the teams pulled off some brilliant playing.

Abbies had the edge last night, showing better condition and smarter teamwork. Cool as a cucumber Ray Stull in the Abbie cage deserved his shutout, handling everything perfectly. Murray Carmichael and Ken McInnis, a heavy bodying pair proved a stout defence while the two sets of forward lines played heads-up hockey all the time, with the first line of Kane, Whelan and Cudmore picking up six scoring points between them. Kane had three assists; Whelan two goals and Cudmore one. Whitlock and Bradley accounted for the other Abbie counters.

Crystals, presenting many old-time faces were a big heavy team, not yet in tip top condition. They were outsmarted and outskated by the locals last night, but before many weeks roll by they should be right in the thick of the fight for Island honors. Schurman, Chick Gallant and Steele were their big threats last night, and although kept off the scoring were dangerous at all times.

For the first five minutes of the game neither goalie had one shot to handle. The teams weren't taking any chances and as a result the hockey was dull and uninteresting. A penalty to Chick Gallant for the anti-defence rule saw the game starting to speed up and from this point on the pace kept getting faster and faster. Penalties to Gauthier and Smith left both teams shorthanded before the session ended, but the power plays put on failed to produce any goals.

A penalty to McInnis at the start of the second session saw the Crystals come within an eyelash of scoring but Stull kicked out Phillips' close-in drive. Not three minutes later Wilf Whelan opened the league's scoring on a beautiful play. Breaking fast at his own blue line Jack Kane paraded to the enemy defence, drew the two defenders together and then slipped the wafer to his right winger. Wilf made no mistake as he completely outguessed the Summerside net janitor with a smoking drive. Crystals were shorthanded three times before the period ended but the locals couldn't score. In the final minute Whitlock was waved off but the Crystals couldn't break through.

Just twenty seconds after the start of the third period Kane again split the Crystal defence and when he was knocked off balance slipped the puck to Whelan and Wilf backhanded it in. Four minutes later Pud Whitlock worked in alone and after some nifty sidestepping hammered the disc in. Then the fun really got underway and elbows, knees and everything else came into play. The penalty bench was a busy spot and to cap it all Whelan and Steele dropped their sticks and went to the ice with fists swinging. Their actions earned them five minute sentences and a minute after Cudmore was waved, to leave the Abbies shorthanded. But while they were short Abbies scored their fourth goal, with Kane again making the play. Weaving around his own defence zone the former Big Four star streaked down the right boards. Over the blue line he stopped, and as a lone defender made to cover him Kane slipped the disc to Bradley. Bradley went in to score, Larkins suffered a bad gash over the eye on the play but gamely resumed his position in the nets. Kane was through again three minutes later, but was tripped. A penalty shot resulted and Cudmore took the try. His hard drive was blocked partially but the puck caromed off into the twines.

Crystals kept pressing strongly but could not score, although with only two minutes to go Cahill broke through alone but with nobody but the goalie to beat was forced to shoot wide of the cool Stull.

Lineups

Abbies—Goal, Stull; defence, Carmichael, McInnis; centre, Kane Whitlock; left wing, Cudmore, Smith; right wing, Whelan, Saunders, Bradley.

Crystals—Goal, Larkins; defence, Gallant, Gauthier, Pritchard; centre, Schurman, Philips; left wing, Steele, Montgomery; right wing, Gallant, Cahill.

Referees—C. Lea, Summerside; Roy Prowse, Charlottetown.

SUMMARY

1st Period

No Score.

Penalties — Gallant, Gauthier, Smith (2).

2nd Period

1—Abbies, Whelan (Kane) 6.12.

Penalties—McInnis, Gauthier (2) Pritchard, Whitlock.

3rd Period

2—Abbies, Whelan (Kane) 0.20.
3—Abbies, Whitlock, 4.10.
4—Bradley (Kane) 12.02.
5—Cudmore (penalty shot) 15.14
Penalties — Pritchard, Gauthier Whelan (5 min.) Steele (5 min.) Cudmore.

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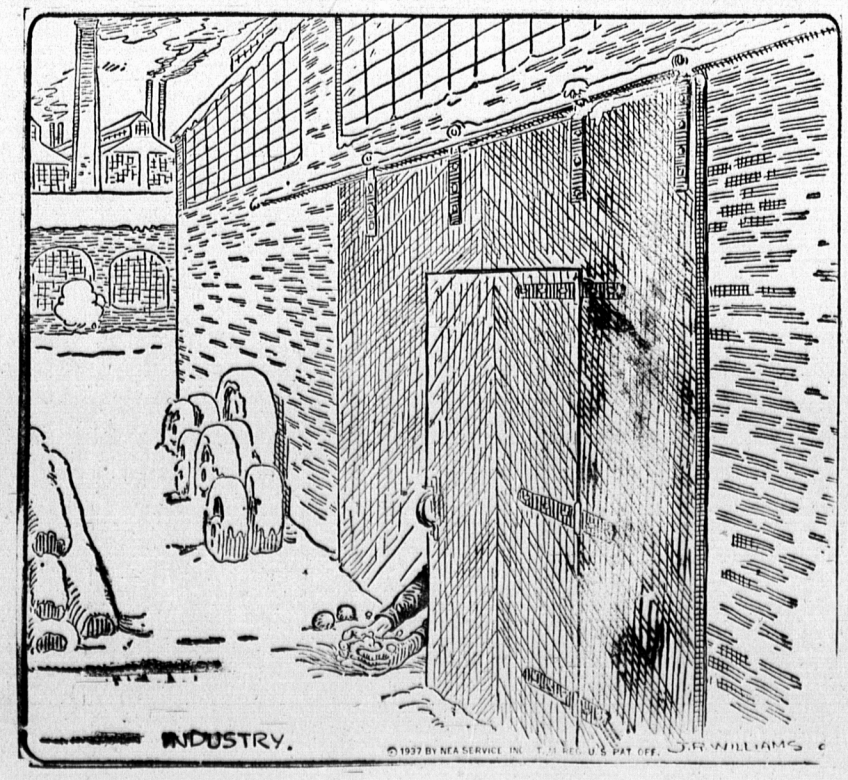

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