



William D. MacKenzie of Flat River is doing his share in making available to horsemen standard breeds with the best of pedigree behind them. These are samples . . . a three-year-old gelding by Playdale 2.04, dam Tena Kalmuck by Kalmuck 2.15, granddam by Rexhart 2.09; a two-year-old gelding by Calumet Budlong 2.02, dam Belle Kalmuck by Kalmuck 2.15, granddam Lady Todd by Mayor Todd 2.15, great granddam Bellewood by Parkwood, also a two-year-old gelding of the same breeding and a yearling by Calumet Budlong 2.02, dam Tena Kalmuck by Kalmuck 2.15, granddam by Rexhart 2.09. The four youngsters whose breeding is given above are all well grown, well developed with splendid feet and legs. Mr. MacKenzie is one of the best farmers in his locality and is known as a great feeder of stock. We congratulate him on the support he is giving to the harness horse industry by his breeding operations.

At a meeting of the Directors of the Charlottetown Driving Park and Provincial Exhibition Association the dates for the racing season of 1950 were set as follows . . . Saturday Night racing opening next June 24th; Midsummer Night Racing Meet will be held nights of Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 13-14-15; Old Home Week dates are August 19-19. It will open with night racing Monday, August 14th, afterwards vaudeville and harness racing August 15-16-17-18, also racing Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights, August 16-17-18; Goodwill meet dates are September 4-5-6 and if necessary to accommodate entries night races will be held in connection with it. Class races such as 2.15 pace, 2.10 trot, etc., will be done away with and instead classified racing and what is known as condition races will be held. Entries will be called for and from the entries received the classifying committee will place the horses so that they will be as evenly matched as possible.

We are delighted to have a letter from our friend Orin Jardine, Box 16, Hartland, N.B., who writes that he is in good health and still thinking about the splendid time he had at Old Home Week. He enjoyed himself to the full, meeting old friends and talking horse. Orin says he has decided to sell his seven-year-old bay pacing mare Betty Ellis 2.17 1-5. She is by Royal Napoleon 2.01, one of the top sires at Village Farm, Pa., and her dam was Betty Signet, and her granddam Twilight Glow by Guy Axworthy, so her breeding is exceptional. We looked her up and in 1948 she won \$490, competing in tough company in the state of Maine. Betty should be good in her class and be an exceptionally fine brood mare.

Our Montreal correspondent writes . . . "I regret to inform you that our mutual friend Raoul Fontaine has his right leg amputated above the knee, but I am glad to say he is doing fine, has had the stitches removed and the leg is healing nicely. He is looking good and is in great spirits, says he will get an artificial leg and get busy with the horses in the spring." We and Raoul's friends in the Maritimes will regret to learn that he has been necessary for him to have such an operation but admire his pluck and spirit and feel confident that he will as he says, be back in the sulky against next season.

Our recollection of Raoul goes back to the 1920's when he came to the Maritimes and by his clever driving and conditioning of his horses and also his friendliness, made a host of friends who have not forgotten him. A tribute to his skill was Lady Grattan, that he developed and gave a record of 2.08 1/4. She was sold for \$5,000. He also raced other good horses here. Through the years Raoul has always had one or more top notch horses each season; the last we saw him driving was Palchuck, a perfectly gaited and mannered trotter that after winning constantly through Quebec was sold for a large sum and is now in the breeding ranks in the United States.

And now we hear from our friend Joe O'Brien in faraway Inglewood, California. "I'm afraid I have not anything of interest or that you have not already read or heard. Today was the last day's racing for the season at Hollywood track. They had a swell meet here with exceptionally good racing. If you look over some of the fast class

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SPORTING NEWS



Well, it looks like everything is all set to launch the 1949-50 hockey season here this evening at the Forum when the Saint Dunstan's University hockeyists and the Charlottetown Abegweits face off in the opening game of the Island Physical Fitness Intermediate Hockey League. Game time is scheduled for nine o'clock.

An added attraction on tonight's opening hockey program will be the appearance of two well-known hockey personalities, George Hayes of the National Hockey League refereeing staff, and Murph Chamberlain, present coach of the league leading Sydney Millionaires of the Cape Breton Senior Hockey League and former M.H.L. playing star. Both are here instructing at the three-day Hockey School which opened last night.

Both squads have been building up their team strength for the past few weeks and went through their paces in stiff workout sessions on Thursday to work up in to high gear for tonight's clash which will send the six-team league on its way.

Local hockey fans who will be turning out for the opening tilt, will see a few new faces on tonight's team rosters, who although unknown potentials at the moment, will no doubt be able to fill the vacancies made by players of last season who have gone elsewhere to make their debut in other hockey circles.

Just how the two teams will stack up against one another tonight is hard to judge from the tentative lineups, the University boys look to be the favored crew at the moment. But the fact that the Abegweits pucksters will be facing almost an entirely new team as compared with last year's "Senior B" group, makes them a more or less "dark horse" aggregation that will have to be seen in action before their team strength can be measured.

Joe Mahan, Reg Rodgers and Will Houde, who have been supplying high powered scoring punch on the S.D.U. lineup for the past couple of years, will be back in action again tonight, while Mike Hennessey and Jim Ayers, who are familiar figures on S.D.U. lineups, with George MacRae of last year's P.W.C. squad adding to their rearguard strength. Farmer, Delphen, McIsaac and Mark McIsaac will also be performing again in the forward positions, while LeClair and Tremblay, two newcomers to their ranks will also be in action up front. Young Frank Strain, who performed with Saints last season, will be netting tonight against the year. Another new prospect, Blaquiere, is expected to be used back on the defence.

Art Perry and Josey, who will be back on the Abegweits defence, and performing up forward along with Sheppard, will be about the only mainstays from last year's group, but a number of new boys, Hooper and MacDonald, as goalenders, MacDonald on defence, Stanley, Glover, Kennedy, Daniel, Hennessey and Hughes, will fill in the vacant spots on the forward positions of the new lineup.

Hockey Season Opens At Local Forum Tonight

The 1949-50 hockey season will get underway here tonight at the Charlottetown Forum when Saint Dunstan's University and the Charlottetown Abegweits clash in the opening tilt of the Island Physical Fitness Intermediate Hockey League. Game time is scheduled for nine o'clock.

S'ide Teams Win Both Ends of Basketball Bill

The two Summerside basketball teams won their games at the R.C.A.F. court in Summerside last night, the Flyers beating the Army quintet from Charlottetown by a wide margin, 67 to 22 being the final count, and Schurman's pulling the biggest upset of the young season by edging Ray's Millionaires 38 to 35.

Box Score	FG	FS	PF	Pts.
R.C.A.F. Flyers	5	1	2	10
Love	4	0	0	8
Murphy	1	0	2	2
McIsaac	1	0	2	2
Martin	2	0	1	4
Murphy	0	0	0	0
Campbell	6	2	0	14
Bayne	4	0	8	8
Totals	31	5	6	67

Box Score	FG	FS	PF	Pts.
Army	4	2	3	10
Cullen	0	0	0	0
Dalziel	0	0	0	0
Glover	1	0	2	2
G. McLennan	0	0	2	0
Rossie	0	0	2	0
B. McLennan	0	0	2	0
Totals	10	2	12	22

A recent report from Cape Breton reports that the North Sydney Victoria's hockey club has gone close to \$9,000 in debt in the eighth week of the Cape Breton Senior Hockey League schedule. The club is in a desperate financial straits, and has threatened to withdraw from the league unless Sydney and Glace Bay agree to permit the addition of three players.

An announcement made over the public address system at the North Sydney Forum during the Sydney Victoria's game there Thursday night stated that the Sydney Club had refused to agree to special help for the Northside Club. However, it was learned that the Sydney Club president, Dr. C. A. MacDonald, had later Vics the go ahead after conferring with the club executive.

Bulldogs In Win Over Truro

ANTIGONISH, N.S., Dec. 9 — (CP)—Antigonish Bulldogs went on a third-period scoring spree here tonight to trounce Truro Bearcats 10-4. The win places Antigonish in second position in the Antigonish-Pictou-Chester Senior Hockey League, half point ahead of St. Francis Xavier.

Two New Players For North Sydney

SYDNEY, N.S., Dec. 9 — (CP)—Two players from the defunct Cleveland Knights of the United States Amateur Hockey League arrived here today to join North Sydney Victoria's of the Cape Breton Senior Hockey League. A third will arrive during the week-end.

The newcomers are goalie Bill Jones, who played last year with Providence Reds of the American Hockey League, and defenceman Jean Paul Jeanneau. Name of the third player has not been disclosed.

HUNTERS' CORNER

The goose season of 1949 is over — I watched it come in as an October dawn lightened a flat, drab landscape west of Summerside and watched it become a hunter's memory as a chill December night closed over a 40-acre expanse of barley stubble at the Big Point, Flat River. In between there were many dawns that I did not see break but eyes other than mine saw them and watched for the moving black smudges on the skyline made by geese on their way to their stubble feeding grounds.

Goose hunters had a field day this season. It was one of the best goose seasons for many years. The birds came early and withstood heavy punishment until the final curtain dropped on the evening of December 5th. The kill was heavy and I venture to state that more geese were bagged this year than in the last six hunting seasons combined. Individual hunters brought home as many as five and six geese who hadn't fired at a single goose for years let alone shot one.

I'm sorry to have to relate that I never pulled a trigger on geese this season. I could have shot my share for I knew a number of sets where all that was needed to bring home some toothsome goose dinners was time, patience and a true eye and steady hand. Successful goose hunting takes time and planning. It also works on one like a fever and once bitten by the bug one wants to do nothing else but hunt geese and work out everything else is neglected. It's a pastime that once started is very hard to break away from.

I always carried the old reliable shotgun during my rambles and drives through the countryside in the hope that an unexpected opportunity might come my way. I never did. I made one serious try for a shot at the big black and white birds. During the second week of November I was returning from a check in eastern Kings County. About 18 miles from the city I turned off the pavement for a look-see along some quiet dirt roads. I wasn't even thinking of geese but had my eye open for Huns and got a pleasant surprise when from a stubble field to my left, and less than 300 yards distant, a flock of about 40 wild geese took to wing.

They moved off headed shoreward at a leisurely pace, their measure wingsbeat keeping time to the mellow honking. A survey of the field showed an abundance of food. In some places barley heads lay in miniature windrows. Goose sign was all over the field. It was a foregone conclusion they'd be back some time on the morrow. Plans were made when I reached the city and long before dawn on the following morning saw this columnist accompanied by two shooting companions on the way to the shooting ground.

The ground was frozen quite hard except where it was protected by hay or grass. Digging the pit presented the usual problem and minutes before the first streaks of dawn showed in the east we were all set and ready. A stiff breeze angled across our backs and we expected that the geese would come in from our right front to head in to our "stool" of wooden decoys. One can never bank on anything for certain when hunting geese.

Shooting time had arrived but the night shadows still lingered over the stubble, and our decoys were formless blobs half hidden in the uncertain light, when a light whisper of wing beats caused us to turn. We were too late. The veiling silently and swiftly with the wind on their tails three geese came from behind and passed within 30 feet to the right of our pit; their white under-tail feathers seemed to wink at us as they passed out of range. They swung wide over an uncut hayfield to the south and came to rest on the stubble two gunshots distant.

We peered through chinks in our camouflage and amused ourselves watching them. One was evidently a goose. Without any preliminaries she immediately began to feed. As it got brighter we could see her squatting low, half hidden in the stubble and with black neck in the old familiar arch, gazing barley to her heart's content. Her two consorts took turns feeding. One was always on watch and it was an eye opener to observe how smoothly they changed guard.

Just before the sun rose, six geese came from the north and passed over the centre of the field at a low altitude. Their white throat patches showed as they moved their heads to scan the ground beneath but no attention was paid to either our decoys or the three feeding birds. They stood to attention as the flock passed by but neither group as much as passed the time of day.

This columnist has no set working hours but one of my companions

More Than 40 Attend Hockey Referees, Coaches School Opening Here

The second annual Hockey Coaches and Referees' School got away to a highly successful start at the Charlottetown Hotel last night under the capable direction of George Hayes of the National Hockey League refereeing staff, who devoted the evening to a lecture and discussion on "Hockey Rules and Refereeing."

At the commencement of the session, which was attended by well over forty students, from all over the Province as well as from points throughout the Maritimes, Brigadier W.W. Reid, Director of Physical Fitness, made a few brief introductory remarks and then introduced Mr. Hayes, who will be the chief instructor during the three-day sessions. Brigadier Reid also introduced a few of the distinguished visitors attending, including Judge J. Elliott Hudson of Halifax, President of the Maritime "Big Four" Hockey League, Bernie Ralston, Director of Physical Fitness of Saint John, N.B., and "Ace" Foley, sports columnist of the Halifax Chronicle-Herald.

Mr. Hayes then made a few brief opening remarks in which he spoke highly of the merits of Frank "King" Clancy, who conducted the school here last year, and expressed his pleasure on his first visit to the Island.

Mr. Hayes then launched into full swing on the subject under discussion for the night, and to say the least, did a marvellous job of interpreting the rule book from cover to cover, in a thorough manner that left nothing to be desired. Where necessary he explained a particular rule with careful diagram by means of a blackboard and chalk to give a clear picture of the problem.

Classes will be continued this morning commencing at 9:30 when Mr. Hayes will deal further with rules and refereeing, while in the afternoon at two o'clock, Murph Chamberlain, who will arrive here this morning from Sydney, N.S., and will co-instruct with Hayes, will give his opening talk on the "fundamental skills" of hockey.

Other subjects will also be covered by both instructors during the afternoon, which will be followed by a special banquet at the Hotel at seven o'clock. At the conclusion of the banquet the school will attend the opening of the Island Intermediate League at the Forum at nine o'clock, when Messrs. Hayes and Chamberlain, will carry out the refereeing and linesmen duties.

Other classes will be continued on throughout Sunday, when practical demonstrations will be carried out at the Forum during the morning and further classes in the afternoon and evening, when a closing session will bring the school to an end.

Following are those registered: Art Perry, Jack Kane, Walter Lawlor, Paul Williams, Terrence Fitzgerald, Bubs Dowling, Leith Jay, all of Charlottetown; F. McGibbon, Antigonish; Ivan Frizzell, Charlottetown; Amos Gorvett, Fairview, P.E.I.; Jack Turner, Charlottetown; Judge J. Elliott Hudson, Halifax; Ken MacLean, Victoria; Harry Ferguson, Cragwood; Bernie Ralston, Saint John; Ace Foley, Halifax; Emmett Francis, S.D.U.; Lloyd Siliker, O'Leary; Forbes Kennedy, O'Leary, Fred Semple, Kensington; A. J. McAdam, S. D. U.; Jimmy Hogan, Summerside; Bill Reid, Dept. Physical Fitness; H. B. Fittner, Digby; Amos Gorvett, Charlottetown; Gussie Peters, North Ruston; Chuck Holme, R.C.A.F. Summerside; Orrin Williams, R.C.A.F. Summerside; George Nicholson, Cragwood; Winston Judson, Charlottetown; Dewar W. Judson, Moncton; Howard H. Rae, Moncton; J. B. Scully, Georgetown; H. B. McLean, Georgetown; Lt. E. A. Wiggs, R.C.N., Halifax; James L. Blades, R.C.N., Air Station, Halifax; Lt. R. M. Greene, R.C.N. command, Halifax; R. E. Rogers, Charlottetown.

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