

# GUARDIAN SPORTING NEWS

## DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

Friends of Alfred McNeill, son of Wellington McNeill, Southport, will meet to learn that he is ill and under treatment in the Prince Edward hospital.

S. Thane Belyea in a letter from Gagetown, N.B. writes: "I note by the press you are getting some new speed on the Island and I think they should go very well in this country. The only one I ever saw was at the 1.20 1-2. He raced at Frequeuse the fall he was two years old and was a nice, round, compact little fellow then and has been a good horse that has raced each year including this year."

"I was in Saint John this week and saw a lot of racing. Mae 206-1-2. She is a black mare with a good set of feet and legs and when she gets a little more flesh on her shoulder a fine looking mare. She had only been through racing about two weeks when sent to the sale, so Cecil Alexander told me. He is a nice piece of work with his picture. He has Betty's Dream, a two-year-old by Abbe Worthing 200, out of Betty S. 207 1-4. This colt has given a lot of trouble in his career. He is big and rugged and with a lot of sense. In June he weighed 925 lbs. and must be around 1000 now."

Franklin Safford, 24-year-old reaman of Keene, N.H., has reached the topmost rung of the reins of racing in Maine by winning the trophy for leading driver of 1942. He topped the Grand Circuit drivers and was also ranking second in half-mile tracks, accumulating 456 points in driving a dozen horses from the stable of John Sullivan and Fred Mawhinny of Machin, Maine to 49 firsts, 37 seconds, 30 thirds and 22 fourths. The standing was decided on the basis of seven points for first, three for second, two for third and one for fourth.

Tom Berry, who now resides in Lexington, Kentucky, and who was top driver in the Grand Circuit in 1941, was second to Safford with 404 points. He out-scored Safford in number of heat victories, 42 to 39, but failed to take the trophy. Safford, and fourth, neither Safford nor Berry were leading money-winning drivers, however, that honor went to Ben Chisholm, reaman of Lexington, Kentucky. He had in his stable the two great trotters of the year, Volo Snow, two-year-old and the veteran reaman, Passador, winner of the Hamilton, world's richest trotting stake. They are both owned by Bill Leitch of New York City, who is the faculty of picking futurity stake winners for years.

An esteemed reader, A. Leadbetter of Springfield, N.S. writes us: "The Canadian Sportsman of November 23rd shows that Duddy won the five-furlong (five-eighths mile) heat in Toronto in 1:10 1-2. When this appeared in the local press I felt some error had been made, but to all appearances it must have been correct. According to the 1941 Year Book the world's record for this distance was made in 1925 by Phil O'Neill, time 1:12 1-2. Duddy's time of 1:10 1-2 is certainly a new world's record for this distance. Now O'Neill, if I have not slipped up somewhere, was not the fastest, at least the greatest race horse that ever left a footprint on a Marathon track in recent years. Thanks, my friend, Leadbetter, for bringing this very important matter to the attention of our readers, and cheers for Joey and Duddy Patch—one grand combination."

Our old friend, Dr. L. D. Denness of Bathurst, N.B., a great horse lover and owner of some good ones including Wanda Volo 207, writes us that Peter Conroy is looking after his two colts this winter. They are both by Laurie Haney, 150 1-2, one out of a filly by Calumet 204 1-4 and the other by an Rs dam Wanda Volo. The doctor says they are good colts and will get a bit of developing this winter in Peter's capable hands. He says Peter is in good trim and very interested in his youthful speed. Friends will be glad to hear that Peter is so nicely settled and with such interesting material to work on.

Just here I would like to say that I never met a man who could level a horse's foot more smoothly, easily and so perfectly as our friend Peter. A master mechanic he would build anything. In the old days we would call him Jack of all Trades, and the expression would certainly build anything. Master mariner, blacksmith, carpenter, wheelwright, reisman—giving records to many trotters and pacers—and making the qualifications not catalogued here.

Herb Campbell is back at the Shooting Gallery, none the worse but considerably better after his recent visit to the Prince Edward Island hospital. Even the short absence which he has been entangled in by the friends who gather there to discuss harness horse racing and other matters.

In last week's storm hundreds of feet of the veranda in front of the race stables at the Charlottetown Track were blown down. The roof on the rifle range. This included the new part put up last summer which had blown down the previous year. The expense of replacing it will be considerable but this time it will be embedded in concrete so that it will be more difficult to dislodge.

Fred Egan, noted trainer who gave the trotter Spencer 4, 157 3-4, has a record of many other noteworthy feats on the race track, is taking the winter off and plans on spending it at Longwood, Florida, a. J. Aiken, C. G. considers that existing conditions, mainly inability to secure sufficient complete training for the time being and spend at least six or eight months vacationing. The horses in his stable have been sent to other trainers. He is credited with a brand of speed seldom displayed by a trotter, it being relayed stated that he covered a mile in 1:58. He is credited with a brand of speed seldom displayed by a trotter, it being relayed stated that he covered a mile in 1:58. He is credited with a brand of speed seldom displayed by a trotter, it being relayed stated that he covered a mile in 1:58.

The Cumberland, Maine, Farmers Club meeting came to a brilliant close the afternoon of November 14th, with the Hatfield horse, despite the fact that the theme of the day was only 20 degrees above zero and the track frozen the entire day. The attendance numbered over 1,000. Photo finishes were required in several heats. The meeting had opened on November 6th and continued for eight days. There were a number of headline races contested, including a match race, half mile for \$500, between Prince Castle and Billy McKay. Prince Castle won easily, his second half in 1:01 1-2 standing out as fast time for the lateness of his season in northern Maine. Takin as a whole the harness horse season in Maine just concluded has been the best in years and this accounts in part at least for the fact that more than fifty new horses were bought at the fall auctions and raced over Maine tracks next season.

In looking over the summaries of the races we note where Walter Duke 200 3-4 won the 2:11 Bar Pace with a summary of 1-1-3, best time 2:12. The 2:10 Bar Trot was won by Twinkle with a summary of 2-1, Omega Hanover 1-2, time 2:14, 2:14-1-2. Both the trotters were headed by J. Pope Clark's trotter Juna French 2:10 in her last race before coming to Charlottetown.

Many horsemen are looking forward to the winter with expectations of having an exceptionally good ice racing season. The horses are here and it is the owners' desire to let them slip there will be doing so. Not for many years have so many fast record trotters and pacers been owned in the vicinity of Charlottetown. Citizens can expect to see some nice rigs—horse and sleigh—out when the snow appears and down Great George Street.

As far back as the writer can remember since arriving in this fair city he has journeyed to Great George Street on St. Nick's and New Year's Day to see the horsemen in friendly rivalry. Then we became part of the affair ourselves and can truthfully say that a nothing more exciting has occurred in our experience than some of the brushes up and down Great George Street thoroughfare. Many were the narrow escapes and some without escape, that served to heighten interest.

At one time there was a horseman from Marshfield who came in with a little black seed on New Year's days, that could for a piece show his heels to anyone. The horse seemed to take as much pleasure out of the game as his master, but the inevitable march of time slowed him up eventually, and about the same time master and horse passed from the scene.

Ed. Down is the new owner of Jean Stratton 205 1-4, and will race her over the ice this winter.

## Royal Canadian Air Force Squads Expected To Stage Thriller For Grey Cup

(By Allan Harvey, Canadian Press Staff Writer)

TORONTO, Dec. 4.—(CP)—The East-West final leaps from the frying pan into the fire tomorrow. By that, it is not intended to suggest that anything will go from bad to worse when Winnipeg R.C.A.F. Bombers tangle with Toronto R.C.A.F. Hurricanes in the 17th Dominion championship meeting of East and West. Rather, the implication is that the venue from Varsity to Maple Leaf Stadium, and the arguments which have been sizzling all week on the relative abilities of the two teams.

So far most of the arguments—such as that Hurricanes have no pass defence, or that Toronto's speed will run the Westerners ragged—have been sufficiently in Winnipeg's favor to install the Bombers a slight 6-5 favorite in some quarters, but the Bombers themselves insist it's strictly an even-money proposition.

Stadium, even excluding reporters when the time came to rehearse plays. Hurricanes whirled through their daily two-hour workout at Pears Park in North Toronto, P.O. Leavitt, seeking his fourth cup in as many attempts since he came out of Syracuse University to coach Toronto Argonauts in 1933, described his 1942 Ontario Rugby Football Union title as "ready to go," while Coach Reg Tureall declared Bombers at full strength.

One of the warmest pre-game controversies apparently has been already. Winnipeg club officials talked yesterday of changing the venue from Varsity to Maple Leaf Stadium, but changed their minds today after workmen applied sand and salt solutions to remove a thick layer of ice which coated the playing field at Varsity.

While Bombers continued to drill behind closed doors at Maple Leaf



The Canadian Army's classy "Commando" hockey team at Ottawa is shown here from left to right front row: Jerry Cooper, Ted Saunders, Polly Drouin, Louis St. Denis, Jim Henry, John Inglis and Vince Cooper, Walt Murray, Ken Reardon and Alex. Smith (coach). (Canadian Army Photo)

## Phillips Is Recalled By Canadiens

(By JOHN WILDS, Associated Press Staff Writer)

MONTREAL, Dec. 4.—(CP)—Charlie Phillips, former Glace Bay Miner, was recalled by Canadiens from Washington Lions of the American Hockey League, to bolster the Montreal club's defence, club officials said today.

Phillips signed a Canadian contract at the beginning of the season and then was sent down to Lions. At the time, Canadian officials said there was little doubt that he would be needed by the senior team before the season got very old.

## Remember When

Oh, the hockey of the year. I can remember the first time I saw a pair of boys—to end up with his 135. The first day pace-setter, tiny Ben Loving of Springfield, Mass., just control of his driver, hooked three tee shots at critical holes and finally edged a 72 to his opening 66 for a tie in third place in the 13th (Dutch) Harrison of Little Rock, Ark.

## Y.M.C.A. Team Will Workout On Monday

The Y.M.C.A. hockey squad will take to the ice at the Forum at 5 o'clock Monday evening for their first workout of the season. Competition for the various positions on the team is expected to be of a real tough variety and players will have to slip lively if they are to catch a berth.

## Former Rangers With Commandos



Former members of the New York Rangers, National Hockey League team, this trio of stalwarts are now playing for the Canadian Army's "Commando" team at Ottawa. Left to right they are: Mac Colville, Neil Colville and Alex. Shibley.

## Trade Shutout Avoided In Last Minute As Annual Baseball Meetings Close

(By JUDSON BAILEY, Associated Press Staff Writer)

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—(AP)—The winter baseball meetings thundered to a finish today with the major leagues finally completing a player trade—Eddie Miller of Boston Braves to Cincinnati for Eddie Joost, Nate Andrews and cash—and the minor leagues making plans for 1943 in a stormy convention session.

The Boston-Cincinnati deal which saved the week-long discussions from a complete shutout in trades was completed by the narrowest margin as President Robert Quinn of the Braves rushed to catch a train for home. The deal had been discussed earlier, but seemed doomed when Quinn left for home. However, Warren Giles, General Manager of the Reds, succeeded in catching Quinn by telephone at the station and the transaction was concluded quickly.

Miller has been the outstanding shortstop of the National League for about three years and has been with the Braves since 1939. Both he and Joost are 26 years old, are married and have children. Miller had similar records last year. Miller batted .224 in 142 games, made 130 hits including 28 doubles, two triples and six homers, and batted in 44 runs. Joost batted .224 in 142 games, made 126 hits including 30 doubles, three triples and six homers, and batted in 41 runs.

## BOWLING

HOLY NAME BOWLING	
C.N.R. LEAGUE	
Bridge & Builders:	
J. Martin	263 176 246
H. Hennessy	104 123 182
G. Devan	224 185 159
B. Boyle	161 169 188
G. Jeffries	186 189 159
Total—2756.	

Rebas:	
C. Doyle	151 173 178
J. Strain	232 277 163
J. Herrell	108 149 138
C. Gaudet	249 184 161
C. McDonald	133 131 175
Total—2545.	

High single J. Strain 277.
High three J. Martin 684.
Brge & Builders 3 1-2 points.
Rebas 1 1-2 points.

C.N.C.S.:	
F. Bradley	179 204 162
B. Lafferty	193 139 142
C. McLean	198 167 150
G. McPherson	187 139 95
P. Thompson	137 139 146
Total—2377.	

Vols H's:	
L. Donette	193 173 171
A. Clark	171 124 173
G. Nelson	138 160 225
A. Martin	155 163 129
S. Durcan	138 149 180
Total—2442.	

High three G. Nelson 265.
High three F. Lafferty 244.
C.N.O.S. 2 1-2 points.
Vols H 2 1-2 points.

K. OF C. LEAGUE	
No. 1 Team:	
R. McDonald	164 223 137
Rev. O'Hanley	126 177 196
J. W. Croken	125 137 132
B. Bradley	147 194 121
P. Callaghan	148 231 116
Total—2763.	

Rev. Cass	136 155 165
M. Perron	133 165 200
L. Doyle	141 143 128
E. Doucette	156 199 139
B. Bradley	227 187 263
L. McDonald	118 176 142
High single B. Bradley 262.	
High three B. Bradley 676.	

No. 3 Team:	
T. McAdam	167 194 185
E. Callaghan	235 226 195

## Little At Stake In Scheduled Football Tilts

(By SID FEDER, Associated Press Staff Writer)

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Scattered games throughout the south, mid-west, southwest and Pacific coast keep the United States College football season alive tomorrow with little at stake except the honor of winning.

Great Lakes naval training station and the Iowa Seawawks, the country's top service teams, close out successful seasons against highly-regarded Middle West College outfits. Great Lakes, unscored on its winning its last six games, tackles Notre Dame and the Seawawks take on Missouri's big six champions at Kansas City.

The Y.M.C.A. team will be first to don the blades as they take to the ice Monday evening at 5 o'clock with another "workout" scheduled for Thursday. For officials and it was a mighty pleasant bit of news at that.

## Trainer Of Cavalcade Succumbs

(By SID FEDER, Associated Press Staff Writer)

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Whistlin' Bob Smith, the pleasant round little man who trained championship race horses and prize fighters for a century, died today. He was 73.

Best-known for his work with the mighty Cavalcade, the 1924 Kentucky Derby winner, and his job of coaching Frank Ert, the former world lightweight champion, Whistlin' Bob succumbed at the Yonkers, N.Y. home of his sister after a long illness.

He had recovered from serious illnesses several times in recent years, watching the fights in Madison Square Garden, or having dinner at some Broadway restaurant. But when he was dismissed from Bellevue Hospital last January after a serious fight with pneumonia, he never left with a severe cardiac condition.

For 50 years, ever since he first started training for the old August Belmont, Smith was one of the top horsemen in the business. He was noted for his ability to judge the mind of yearlings and to select his best ones if they ever been to the races.

after the Bruins had gone out in front and he sealed the victory with the third tally, nullifying Boston's desperate second goal at the finish.

Hank delivered a sensational backhand shot when the Bruins were a man short and broke the ice for the Blueshirts. The Rangers have lost five, won two and tied one in their last showings, so Frank's brace of victories in the past week has been the difference between a to-be life and unbearable humiliate.

Canadiens finally broke the string of winless games Thursday night at the expense of the Maple Leafs and from here on the Canadiens should do better. Not only did they take a victory but they also got simple revenge on the Toronto team for the 3-0 shellacking they took the only other time the teams met.

Again Drilon failed to score against the Bruins. Drilon has been picking up points regularly since he was traded to the Canadiens. One point off the pace for Leafs is a different matter when pitted against the Leafs.

Probably the Leafs pay a lot of attention to the game Mr. Callow says. He gets on the ice for every time it would be rather galling if the player they deemed not good enough to finish out the Stanley Cup finals last spring should turn out to be a thorn in their side every time the squads met.

And that Goldup guy. He did nothing more than tie the score.

3-5 P.M. FROLIC DAY 8-10 P.M. THE BIG DAY OF THE SKATING WEEK HAPPY HUNDREDS Get Health, Joy, Friends JOIN THEM TO-DAY — THE FORUM

BIG ISLAND Djerbo, off Tunisia, is the largest island in the Mediterranean Basin.