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DOWN —The— BACK STRETCH

The final race meet of the season as far as this Province is concerned will be held at Leo [illegible]'s Riverside track Wednesday afternoon. Leo's list of entries appears elsewhere. The three classes are well filled and the running race is bound to be an added attraction. With good weather which is expected, there should be a large attendance.

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The old warrior Wait N'See 2.11½—a great favorite with racegoers for several years—changed hands recently when owner Willard Kelly sold to George Gregory, St. Avards.... Anti-Aircraft 2.03 has a new caretaker—Austin Tierney, who will look after the son of Volomite 2.03½ this fall and winter and get him ready for racing in 1947.

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Four local horsemen, Willard Kelly, Willard MacDonald, Rankin MacLaine and Roy Bevins, were among the pleased on-lookers at Lexington, Ky., Wednesday afternoon when Tracey Hanover won one of the heats in his race with Ouster Volo.

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The many friends of Jimmie Boutilier, River du Loup, Quebec, will regret to learn that he met with a severe accident while racing in Quebec a few weeks ago. His collar bone was fractured, shoulder dislocated and his back injured. However, he is now out again and expects to get back in the sulky in the near future. He has had a great season with Highland Frisco 2.04 and Charles Volo, winning seven races with Highland and four with Charles, before they were turned over to other drivers. Jimmie in a letter to a friend states he would like very much to have been here for Old Home Week with his horses but there is so much racing in his own section it is hard to get away from it. He wants to get in touch with owners of a good three-year-old or older speed prospect by Calumet Budlong, so here's a chance for someone who has a prospect to sell to a careful trainer. Among those whom Jimmie wishes to be remembered to is Ernie McTague.

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Ensign Hanover 2.02, Sep Palin's great three-year-old pacer, has winnings now amounting to $65,349—probably a record for a three-year-old trotter or pacer. However, his unbroken streak was ended at Shelbyville, Indiana, on September 13th when Royal Chief, a brown colt by Chief Abbedale, driven by Tommy Berry, headed him twice in 2.04½, 2.05½. Sep Palin was not in the driver's seat, having met with an accident that temporarily put him on the shelf. Tommy Berry is just about the same age as Sep Palin—65—but he is apparently racing as well as ever as we note where he piloted several winners at the above meeting.

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The late Mrs. Lela Harkness Edwards, owner of the Walnut Hall Farm, Donnerail, Ky., left an estate of 17 millions, according to her Pittsburgh attorneys. This will be distributed among her daughters, relatives and employees. The great breeding centre will continue under the management of a daughter. It is good to know that there will be continuity to this wonderful farm that seems to increase in prestige as the decades pass by.

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The first consignment of trotters and pacers from the Gainsway Farm, Lexington, Ky., will be sold at Tattersalls the week of September 23rd. They number .. and are by such sires as Volomite, Wilmington, Peter Astra, the farm sire, Scotland and others. Peter Astra 2, 2.04½; 4, 2.01½, is by Peter Volo 2.02 and his dam is Astra by San Francisco. She is also the dam of Pagliacci 2.03½, now owned by Frank McKay, East Royalty. Peter Astra was a marvelous colt trotter and also matured trotter with total earnings of over $50,000.

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Many will be looking forward to seeing these yearlings of Gainsway Farm, which Mr. Gains claims will be among the best bred, best fed and best cared for that ever faced an auctioneer. Mr. Gains, as is well known, made a study of nutrition and went into the manufacture of dog food some 20 years ago. By careful experimentation he produced the best dog food in the United States, or at least it was the most widely used. Standard Foods bought out this factory, goodwill and patent rights for several millions and this enabled Mr. Gains to devote his energies to producing fast trotters and pacers and become a gentleman farmer and incidentally to attend various race meetings and watch his favorite sport.

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Frank Lee of Danbury, Conn., is putting up ten $15.00 hats to be awarded the newspapermen who can make the best guesses on the outcome of the $30,000 Kentucky Futurity at Lexington, which will be raced this afternoon. This is a bit of publicity unleashed by Frank Menke, who has charge of that department for the big race meeting. He formerly did the publicity work for Matt Wynn on the Kentucky Derby and contests of similar magnitude.

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Earle Avery of Woodstock, N.B., who is still out of the sulky due to the severe accident at Rochester, N. H., two weeks ago, leads the drivers of Maine with 56 firsts, 43 seconds, 39 thirds and 28 fourths. He has won a total of $14,092.40 with his mounts this season. These include Watchim 2.06¾ and Christie Budlong 2.07.

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A duplicate of the Phillips starting gate which was used with success at Roosevelt Raceway this season, has been built at a cost of $52,000 and will be used at Maywood Park on the week of October 7th where the $10,000 All American Trot will be raced and on October 14th the $10,000 All American Pace. It is night racing at Maywood Park where the installations cost upwards of $100,000, and the track is so lighted that there is not the slightest shadow to cause an accident. Of course the people who built it had the advantage of the experience of other night racing tracks to go by.

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Entries For Riverside Races

OCTOBER 2nd.

NO. 1 CLASSIFIED—PURSE $300

EVA WORTHY, owner, Preston MacIntyre, Montague.
O. U. VOLO, owner, Harold Stead, Brackley.
BEAVERDALE, owner, Don MacNeill, Summerside.
BILLIE KALMUCK, owner, Lee Howard, Cornwall.
MARJORIE BUDLONG, owner, James Rankine, Southport.
KELLY'S NIGHTMARE, owner, Dr. Bishop, Charlottetown.

NO. 2 CLASSIFIED — PURSE $300

MARION L., owner, George Semple, Kensington.
PRINCE BUDLONG, owner, Harold Cudmore, Brackley.
MAUDENE BUDLONG, owner, Alec Agnew, Central Royalty
GEORGE MAC, owner, Ben Newsom, Brackley.
BILLY AUBREY, owner, George Brookins, Kensington.
REUBEN LEE, owner, E. A. Bernard, Hunter River.
MARY STUART, owner, E. A. Buell, Village Green.
McNEILL'S PICK, owner, Wellington McNeill, Southport

NO. 3 CLASSIFIED—PURSE $300

MARLENE BUDLONG, owner, Mr. Gregory, Charlottetown
BUDDY BUDLONG, Owner, Harold Stead, Brackley.
GUY HARVESTER, owner, Mills and Williams, Charlottetown
JIMMY A., owner, James Arbing, Charlottetown.
SIMON BUDLONG, owner, Charles Duffy, Village Green.
DOROTHY L., owner, Lee Taylor, Nine Mile Creek.
BUTCHER'S BOY, owner, Maynard McGuigan, St. Mary's Road.
DAISY WORTHY, owner, Roy Woodside, Malpeque.
SHY ANN, owner, Albert Phillips, O'Leary.
LADY WORTHY, owner, Roy Buchanan, O'Leary.
LADY SCOTT, owner, L. Selliker, O'Leary.

FARMER'S RACE (Harness Race)—PRIZES

GRATTON PETERS, owner, Wallace Gillis, Dundas Centre.
GUY HAL, owner, Everett MacLeod, Strathcona.
CINDY WORTHY, owner, Tom Gamester, Hunter River.
KING GRATTON, owner, Cyril Smith, Hunter River
CALUMET DUDDS, owner, Cass Plaistell, Dingwell's Mills.
LYNN WORTHY, owner, Jack MacKay, St. Peter's Bay.
STAR JUNIOR, owner, Elmo Praught, Cherry Valley.
GOLDEN AUBREY, owner, Levy Young, Earnscliffe.
VERNON BELL, owner, Michael McKenna, Vernon.

Entries for Running Race Close MONDAY, SEPT. 30TH

HORSES WILL BE CALLED AT 12:45 NOON

Not a bit downhearted by their defeat at the hands of the intermediate All Stars last night, Charlottetown Juniors leave this morning for St. Joseph, N. B., where today and Sunday they tackle St. John C. Y. O. in a three game series for the New Brunswick — Prince Edward Island junior title and a spot in the Maritime final against the Nova Scotia champions.

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Twelve players will make the trip and last night Coach Charlie Ryan announced that he would start Jackie Cairns in the opening game this afternoon. The young right hander has been showing plenty of stuff in recent workouts and his slants should prove plenty puzzling to the New Brunswick champions.

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There is a man connected with the junior team who has been left more or less in the background since the team was organized. He is "Buck" White one of the City's ardent sports followers. Buck has done a lot of work in getting the team organized and he will be one of the ones accompanying the team today.

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Also going is Bill Reid, director of physical fitness who also has spared no pains in getting the juniors organized. Several other followers of the team will also make the jaunt to the New Brunswick centre so the team will not lack for any vocal support.

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Players are reminded that they are to be present at the Legion Home, Grafton Street at 8.15 this morning from where they will leave for the scene of the games.

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All baseball followers will unite in wishing the youngsters the best of luck in their bid for a Maritime title. It is the first time since 1939 that a local junior team has been organized and the fighting spirit they have shown in their appearances to date should stand them in good stead when they tangle with the New Brunswick champions today and tomorrow.

Managerial changes in the major leagues, fairly numerous this year, are not yet done with. Speculation concerning the new pilots for 1947 was reduced by the retention of Steve O'Neill by the Tigers and the signing of Muddy Ruel by the Browns, but a few spots are still open.

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Who is going to manage the Yankees, for instance? Leo Durocher? If so, who will take his place in Brooklyn? What about the job in Pittsburgh? Billy Herman? The report gains strength. But what, then, of Frank Frisch? Who is going to take Bill McKechnie's place? And if the Cardinals do not win the pennant, will Sam Breadon try again with Eddie Dyer? And will some club sign Joe McCarthy?

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In all the talk of who's going to succeed whom, a name keeps bobbing up here and there: the name of Lefty O'Doul.

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The magnetic Lefty, out of Butcher Town, an outlying section of San Francisco, and as typical of San Francisco as the hand-painted cable cars that rock over Nob Hill, without doubt is not only the best but the most colorful manager in the minor leagues and, by any baseball standard you can set, belongs in the majors because at heart and in manner he is a big leaguer, on and off the field.

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Lefty—or Frank, to give him his square name — is an imaginative manager and his team, the Seals, plays exciting ball. The baseball writers in San Francisco are so used to his style of play that when he pulls a ball game out with an unorthodox manoeuvre they do not even comment on it and he doesn't get a line in the paper by use of strategy that not even a Durocher would dream of.

By The Canadian Press

Andre Routis game little French featherweight, stripped Tony Canzoneri of his world championship 18 years ago tonight at New York. Badly battered in the opening rounds, Routis staged a whirlwind comeback to take the 15-round decision.

Baseball Results

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Cleveland	015 001 011—9	11	3
Detroit	400 000 004—8	6	2

Kuzava, Feller, and Weigel, Hegan; Gray, Overmire and Swift.

Washington	000 001 210—4	11	1
Boston	112 010 00x—5	14	0

Newson, Hudson, Pieretti, Candini and Early; Hughson and Partee.

St. Louis	101 000 100—3	8	1
Chicago	210 040 00x—7	15	2

Sanford, Muncrief, Fannin and Helf; Lopat and Tresh.

St. Louis	000 003 000—3	9	2
Chicago	302 001 20x—8	13	0

Kramer, Kinder, Ferrick and Moss; Papish, Rigney, Malzberger and Tresh.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Pittsburgh	000 000 000—0	8	2
Cincinnati	012 001 22x—8	13	0

Bahr, Tate and Salkeld; Beggs and Mueller.

Intermediates Take Measure Of Juniors In Exhibition Tilt

The Intermediate All Stars pinned a 7-1 defeat on the local junior squad last night in an abbreviated exhibition tilt played on the Park diamond, the game was called in the top of the sixth because of darkness.

The Intermediates took a three-run lead in their first time at bat by combining a walk and two singles with a miscue by the Juniors and then protected their lead behind some steady twirling by Elmer Larter and Cyril Smith. Larter held the Juniors to one run and three hits during his tenure on the mound and Smith gave up one hit and no runs.

Lefty MacAleer did the pitching for the Juniors giving up six hits and two free tickets in the five innings he pitched. Charlie Ryan did the receiving for MacAleer.

Box Score

All Stars	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Higson 2b.	3	1	1	0	2	0
Gallant lf.	1	1	0	2	0	0
McKinnon cf.	3	2	1	1	0	0
Whitlock ss.	3	2	1	2	0	1
Perry c	3	1	1	6	1	0
Williams 3b.	3	0	1	0	0	0
C. Ward 1b.	2	0	0	3	0	0
Hennessey rf.	2	0	0	0	0	0
*-Strain rf.	0	0	0	0	0	0
E. Larter p.	1	0	0	0	0	0
**-C. Smith p.	1	0	1	1	1	0
Totals	22	7	6	15	4	1

*—Replaced Hennessey in 5th.
**—Replaced Larter in 4th.

Junior All Stars	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Nicholson 2b.	3	1	2	0	2	1
Matheson 1b.	2	0	0	9	0	0
Goodwin lf.	2	0	0	0	0	0
Ryan c.	2	0	1	5	0	0
McLennan 3b.	2	0	0	0	2	0
McKenzie ss.	2	0	0	1	1	1
White rf.	2	0	1	0	0	0
Corish cf.	2	0	0	0	0	0
MacAleer p.	1	0	0	0	5	1
Total	18	1	4	15	10	3

Score By Innings

		R	H	E
All Stars	300 04—7	6	1
Juniors	100 00—1	4	3

Summary

Earned Runs: All Stars 4; Juniors 1. Two Base Hit: Ryan. Runs Batted In: Perry 3, Whitlock 2, Ryan, Williams, MacKinnon. Struckout by MacAleer: 2; By Larter 5; By Smith 1. Base on Balls: MacAleer 2. Winning Pitcher: E. Larter; Losing Pitcher: MacAleer. Umpires: At the Plate: Francis; Bases: Kane and Hawkins.

Zale Flattens "Rocky" In Sixth Round Of Gruelling Title Scrap

(By Sid Feder)

YANKEE STADIUM, New York, Sept. 27—(AP)—Tony Zale, every inch a champion, came back from the verge of a knockout tonight to flatten the mighty-punching Rocky Graziano, in the sixth round of a blood-and-thunder brawl and retain his world middleweight championship. Zale weighed 160; Graziano 154.

Floored once himself, his face bloody as the dynamiter from New York's lower east side turned loose his famed "rock-a-bye punch", the one-time Indiana steel mill hand caught up with the challenger midway of the sixth to drop him with a lightning left hand and put him away for keeps at 1 minute 43 seconds of the sixth session of their scheduled 15-rounder.

It was the second knockdown of the fight for Rocky the Rock, in as vicious and bloody a brawl as has been seen in any ring. But this time, apparently softened up by the body bombs that are Tony's speciality, he couldn't make it to his feet again.

He sat on the ring canvas, holding the ropes, as referee Ruby Goldstein, himself a classy welterweight of a bygone era, counted the full 10 to leave the 160-pound crown on Tony's head in his first defence as champion.

The finish was as startling as it was definite and final end one of the greatest crowds ever to see two little men in action roared for 10 minutes in shocked surprise at the suddenness of the end.

Up to that point, through three of the last four completed rounds, Graziano had given Tony so fierce a going over with his right hand, that when the fifth round ended, some ringsiders were even wondering whether the champion could come out for the sixth But out he came, bleeding from his mouth, his face a smear, and Rocky started right in again. Then, suddenly, Tony caught Rocky against the ropes with two of those "tummy tropedo" specials of his The Rock covered up, came half way across the ring.

Zale was after him now. He lashed out with a straight left that straightened up the young, knocker-outer who had been installed a 5 to 11 favorite in the ringside betting. A righthand sent Rocky back on his heels.

Then came the crusher, a hard, crunching left hook shot out — and there was Rocky on the deck. Through "seven" and "eight" it appeared as though he might be able to pull himself to his feet. But he couldn't. Two seconds after the "10," though, he got up and apparently not realizing his shot at the throne had missed its mark, came charging and flailing across the ring, until the referee grabbed him.

It was an astonishing pay-off to a fight that was one series of hair-raisers from the start. Graziano was on the deck in the first heat Zale went down in the second, and was still there on the floor when the bell rang.

In the third, the 32-year-old champion, putting his crown on the line for the first time since he won it back in 1941—he has been in the navy for four years since—was staggered and bloodied. In the fourth, he came back to shake up Rocky the Rock down to his shoelaces. But in the fifth, it was Rocky again.

Chuck Worthy Wins Feature At Bridgewater

(By The Canadian Press)

BRIDGEWATER, N.S., Sept. 27—The speedy Chuck Worthy from the Sydney stables of Harry Hersch stepped the two fastest miles of the Exhibition meet here today to win the free-for-all in three straight heats.

Racing over a lightning-fast track under a hot sun, Chuck Worthy breezed the second heat in 2:07½ and the third in 2:07 with the capable hands of Johnny Campbell at the reins. Joe O'Brien drove Tip Abbe, owned by the Dudey Patch Club, New Glasgow to second place in all three heats. Jollity and Royal At Law wound up third and fourth respectively in the four-horse field.

Summary:

Free For All, $500

Chuck Worthy (Campbell)	1	1	1
Tip Abbe (O'Brien)	2	2	2
Jollity (Hood)	4	3	3
Royal At Law (Moreside)	3	4	4

Time: 2.10; 2.07½; 2.07.
Winning owner: Harry Hersch, Sydney, N. S.

2.19 - 2.22 Trot and Pace, $400

Traffic Grattan (J. O'Brien)	1	1	1
Previous (Allen)	2	4	2
Dianna G. (McDonald)	4	2	3
Colonel Dan (J. Hood)	3	3	5
The Baron (Rogers)	5	3	4

Time: 2.14½; 2.12½; 2.13¼.
Winning owner: Jack McLeod, Yarmouth, N. S.

2.26 - 2.30 Trot and Pace, $300

Lee's Nightmare (J. O'Brien)	1	1	1
Whizaway (W. Hood)	3	2	2
Nellie Worthy (Buell)	2	4	4
Josedale Victory Miss (S. Walker, Jr.)	4	3	3
Goldie Duds (Baxter)	5	5	5
Prof. Clegg (T. Hawkinson)	6	6	6
Mitzi Bars (W. Walker and Connors)	8	7	7
Buddy Brown (N. Campbell)	7	8	d

Time: 2.17; 2.16½; 2.18.
Winning owner: Jas. W. O'Brien, Elmsdale, P. E. I.

1 Mile Dash

Sully (Baxter)	2
Harold Wilson (J. O'Brien)	3
Col. Logan (Connors)	4
Martindel (R. Kidney)	ro

Time: 2.14½.
Winning owner: B. C. Cruickshanks, Halifax.

Newson And Wood Win

Harold Newson and C. Wood last night captured the Ralph Gay quoits trophy in a sudden death game played at the Parkdale Quoit Club. G. Mutlow and Bill Warren fell victims to the new champions in what was a closely played encounter.

Cardinals & Dodgers All Even Stephen

(By The Associated Press)

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 27—St. Louis pennant hopes hit a new low tonight as the Cardinals dropped into an exact first place tie with the idle Brooklyn Dodgers by bowing to the Chicago Cubs 7-2. Each club has only two games to play.

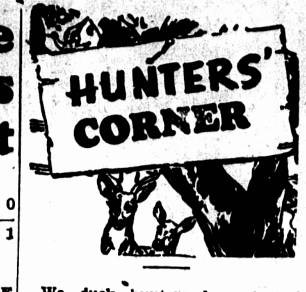
Chicago	001 308 000—7	9	0
St. Louis	000 000 020—2	9	2

Borowy, Wyse and McCullough; Pollet, Dickson, Wilks, Brazle and Garagiola.

Have New Senior Hockey League

SYDNEY, N.S., Sept. 27 — (CP)—Announcement of the formation of a new Nova Scotia senior hockey league comprising teams from Sydney, Glace Bay, New Glasgow and Antigonish may be made following a meeting next week of officials of the four teams it was learned tonight.

Plans for the new league have been drawn up by Foster Dickson, coach of the New Glasgow Bombers.



We duck hunters have had it boys. . . there's no mistaking that sad fact. The opening day just passed was the most disappointing as well as alarming, opening day for years. It was not altogether unexpected. As this columnist predicted early in June we were in for a short crop of black ducks, but no one ever dreamed it was going to fall so flat. Old gunners who have never returned home empty handed from the opening day's duck-shoot since they started toting a shotgun were forced to admit defeat on Wednesday. . . and some of them held on until well after the appointed time to quit shooting.

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Many are still puzzled over where the ducks disappeared to. A week prior to the 25th some sizable concentrations were to be observed, particularly in certain sections of the Hillsboro River and at Pisquid Pond, and the hopes of many wildfowlers soared and their pulses quickened as the big day drew near making the resultant disappointment all the harder to bear. The truth of the matter is this: while there were some big flocks in certain favoured sectors, there were none in the in-between places and when those big concentrations got broken up they appeared to vanish. A few drifted back to each seperate place where they spent their duckhood days in search of the peace and quiet they were used to and didn't find it. Instead waiting gunners blasted them with shot sizes from 7 1-2 to BB. Finally in desperation they betook themselves on tired wings, at least those who escaped the numerous barrages did, to the quiet tidal flats on our bays and estuaries.

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The game bags were for the most part empty. The gunner who could produce four ducks was a rarety and the target of envious eyes. In a certain section of the Hillsboro River that always proved productive of good kills in other years a total of 19 gunners shot one lone black duck and up until Noon saw only 15 and those were well out of range. The nimrod lucky enough to bag a pair of black ducks found himself in possession of heavy bodied well meated birds with a palate tickling flavour.

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This scribe was one of the lucky ones and bagged three hefty blacks . . . a pair for his own table and one for a friend I couldn't help but compare this past opening morning with others just a few short years ago. Well I remember one particular beaver dam that appeared to be the Mecca of all the ducks on the Island. It was no more than safe to stand up in ones boat hidden in the flags and cat-tails in the pre-dawn darkness. It was one continual swish of wings as windrow after windrow of ducks roared in, sometimes the wind made by their passing fanned ones cheek.

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On one occasion an old quacker attempted to alight in the boat with me and my faithful old hunting dog She realized her mistake in time to crash land in the water. The old hunting dog nearly dumped all hands into the drink when he made a beautiful swan dive out of the boat that missed the duck by inches.

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It was a different story on Wednesday morning and its makes one do a lot of hard thinking when he realizes with a shock how far down the ducks have slipped in two years. Not a bird was seen until after 7 o'clock and then it was just the odd single or pair with a small flock of 6 thrown in for good measure. Approximately 25 ducks visited us during the morning, when ordinarily there should have been a hundred or more on the move. In the large beaver dam I mentioned earlier in this column I have seen between 1500 and 2,000 ducks, mostly blacks, in a single opening morning.

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My three ducks were shot in the short half hour period when the light favours the gunner. The hunter can see the birds distinctly but the early morning haze still lingering over the flags and rushes appears to hide the danger from the circling ducks. Later on the reflection of an upturned face or the glint of the sun on a gun barrel is sufficient to turn away the cautiously circling blacks. A very few parties of hunters were lucky and secured fair bags. 4 sportsmen from the city bagged 22 ducks between them, an average of 5 1-2 ducks a gunner. This number would be considered 'chicken feed' among four crack sportsmen a few years back.

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It was apparent from observation that gunners did not pay much attention to the shooting restriction limiting the shooting time to a 1-2 hour after sunset It appears as if the enforcement officers must have been embued with the Xmas spirit on Wednesday evening as many gunners intent on bagging a duck took a chance on over staying their time rather then return home empty handed. It certainly would have been the last straw for a sportsmen who had waited from before dawn until after dark and to be still duckless and then be tagged with a $10.00 ticket for over parking, particularly when he had looked forward for months to this special day and after promising the little woman he'd bring home enough ducks to feed the family for a week.

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Don't take any more chances boys for the Xmas spirit is a risky gamble at anytime. It is apparent from the attitude adopted by some gunners that a few 'court plasters' will have to be applied before they realize that this restriction was not entered in the M B C Act just to give the printers something to do. Now who is going to have the doubtful honour of being the first to pay a fine for breaking this new regulation. There's wonderful chance for somebody. I can almost hear some of the old timers who like to take chances remark: "somebody else. . . not me."

Red Sox Given Big Edge Over Either St. Louis Or Brooklyn

(This is the last of a series comparing the prospective World Series rivals.)

By GAYLE TALBOT

NEW YORK, Sept. 27 — (AP) — So superior do Boston Red Sox appear to be in almost every department of play to either of the clubs they might meet in the World Series starting next Wednesday that the question naturally arises: Why are St. Louis Cards and Brooklyn Dodgers batting their brains out?

Why should the two National League contenders scrap themselves into a state of weary exhaustion, both physical and mental, when all the winner is going to get next week—providing the figures don't lie—is a thrashing from the colossus of the American League?

The answer is right at hand — money! The losers' cheques from the big play-off are sufficiently large to soothe even the lacerations of a four-straight licking. What each member of the Cards and Dodgers is fighting for the next two days is the pleasant sum of around $4,000, over and above his salary, no matter what happens to him after that.

Not often, surely, has either league appeared to be so thoroughly outclassed going into the World Series, not even during those terribly one-sided years from 1937 through '39 when the Yankees scalped three National League entries with the loss of only one game.

A player-by-player analysis of the Red Sox and the two clubs now battling to meet them in the Series has shown the American League runaways to hold an apparently overpowering advantage in pitching and hitting, and to be closely matched in all-around infield strength only by the Cardinals.

Brooklyn, particularly now that its speedy outfielder, Pete Reiser, is out for good with a broken bone in his leg, doesn't come close to matching the Sox in any department, except, possibly, in fighting heart. The latter so far as can be discovered by diligent search, is all that has kept them in the race.

Boston's Series line-up will show five of the most punishing hitters in the game today in outfielders Ted Williams and Dom Dimaggio and infielders Johnny Pesky, Bobby Doerr and Rudy York. Between them they made a shambles of American League hurling, and there is nothing to indicate that either the Cards or the Brooks has the sort of pitching to stop these stars.

As for their own pitching, the Red Sox boast three of the top men in the business in right-handers Dave Ferris and Tex Hughson and southpaw Mickey Harris. If all three are "right," they might turn in an exceptional string of low-hit games.

The only pitcher on either the Dodgers or the Cardinals who has set up a record to compare with the Sox trio is the Red Birds' Howie Pollett.

The Cards, should they enter the Series, would figure to have an edge over the Sox at three positions—Stan Musial, currently the game's top hitter, at first; Whitey Kurowski at third and Enos (Country) Slaughter in right field. This scarcely would counterbalance Boston's patent superiority in over-all hitting and pitching

The Sox will have a wide bulge at second base, since Doerr hasn't a real rival at that post. At short, though, there will be a slight argument if the Cards get in — whether Pesky is a better man than Slats Marion.

Taken on their batting averages, there could be only one answer. Pesky has outhit the slender Red Bird by some 100 points.

None of the three clubs has an outstanding catcher of the stature of the Dickeys and Cochranes and Hartnetts whose big bats were potent factors in past series. The Sox appear to be the best-fixed in that respect, with the experienced Hal Wagner to handle their star mound staff.

Ashes Mark Supremacy On Cricket Pitch Between Aussies And Britons

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LONDON, Sept. 27 — A black-bordered "In Memoriam" announcement in a British newspaper 64 years ago recording the "death of English cricket," actually gave birth to probably the oddest sports symbol in the world —the ashes. Ironically enough, the newspaper that cynically chanted the demise of cricket—the Sporting Times — long since has ceased to exist and the game in Britain is ripening with old age.

The story-tellers and cricket-ground gossips are agreed on one point: the ashes mark the supremacy on the cricket pitch between the mother country and Australia.

The most popular story of the ashes, agreed to by Marylebone Cricket Club, ruling body of the sport in Britain, concerns the England-Australia match of 1882 when the Aussies won by only seven runs. The game, described as "extraordinary and exciting," brought this comment from a sports writer of the time: "Men noted for their coolness at critical moments were trembling like a leaf, some were shivering with cold, some even fainted."

But the Sporting Times' announcement caught the public fancy. It read:

"In affectionate remembrance of English cricket, which died at the Oval on 29th August, 1882.

"Deeply lamented by a large circle of sorrowing friends and acquaintances. R. I. P.

"N. B.—The body will be cremated and the ashes taken to Australia."

English sportsmen started to talk of the "ashes of English cricket" and when, in the autumn of 1882, an English team went to Australia, it was said they had gone to fetch the ashes.

The urn, with the ashes, has never left England. It can be seen any day in the Long Room, amidst other relics of the game, at Lord's cricket ground in London.

Foursomes This Afternoon

The final mixed foursomes of the season will be held at the Charlottetown Golf Club this afternoon when twenty teams will tee-off in quest of the prizes donated by Jenkins Pharmacy. Play will commence at 2.15 in the order indicated in the following draw.

Miss Betty Large and W. R. MacNeill vs. Mrs. Benj. Rogers Jr., and Doug Saunders.

Mrs. N. H. DeBlois and Stirling MacDonald vs. Miss Jean MacLean and Don Macmillan.

Mrs. W. R. MacNeill and Bill Burnett vs. Mrs. S. MacDonald and James Haslam.

Mrs. W. E. Cotton and Bob Giggey vs. Mrs. James Haslam and J. A. Likely.

Mrs. Gordon MacDonald and Albert Wilson vs. Miss Dorothea Stewart and J. H. Hellofs.

Miss A. Laird and Wilf Dowling vs. Miss M. Haszard and J. Kelso.

Miss Olive Johnstone and J. S. Moore vs. Miss E. O'Connor and Gordon Hutcheson.

Miss Iris McLellan and Joseph Reid vs. Mrs. A. Howatt and James Montgomery.

Mrs. W. H. Worth and Arnett Howatt vs. Mrs. J. A. Likely and Art MacKenzie.

Mrs. W. Barbour and R. Peppin vs. Miss M. Weeks and Alan Macmillan.

McCourt Wins Way Into Cup Finals

Earl McCourt won his way into the finals of the Sherwin Williams Trophy competition last night when he defeated his brother, Jack McCourt two straight games in a playoff match staged at the Brighton Horseshoe Club.

Getting the finals underway immediately after the semi-finals had been staged, McCourt took the opening game of a best of five struggle from Rennie Larter. Balance of the final is scheduled for Sunday afternoon.

Sunday night, an open tournament for the Jack McCourt trophy is scheduled to get underway and all players intending to enter are asked to make it a point to attend.

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