



Down The Back Stretch

Tonight's races at Canada's finest track will be featured by a 2:30 Trot for a purse of \$500. In addition there are five other dashes. It is a good program and will prove as interesting as last Saturday night's which was a real crowd-pleaser. The gate was much more successful in getting the horses away evenly part of this was due to the fact that George A. Calbeck lined them up and gave them his instructions before they moved on to the gate.

Next week's events include races at Leo Praught's Riverside track with four classes and purses of \$1,200, and a three afternoon program at Moncton Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, particulars of which appear later.

During the past week new records were taken by Johnny Kalmuck, owned and driven by Walter Kelly—2:18, and the trotter Bonnie Dale, owned by C. Birt and driven by Willard Kelly—2:18, also Abegweit Millady, owned and driven by C. Smith, Hunter River—2:20 2-5. At Covehead Lee's Nightmare, owned by James O'Brien, Elmsdale, and driven by Claude O'Brien, lowered his record from 2:11 4-5 to 2:10 1-5; Mary's Delight, owned by Wilfred Praught, Cherry Valley, driven by Claude O'Brien, took a record of 2:17; Quick Lick, owned by J. Harkness, Summerside, and driven by Len O'Meara, reduced his record from 2:15 to 2:14, and Donald G. R., owned by Urban Gillis, Miscouche, and driven by Don McNeill, lowered his record from 2:15 3-5 to 2:13.

Those who have been looking for the get of Simcoe Harvester 2:04 1-4 to make the limelight were much pleased to see a greatly improved Quick Lick show up so well in the No. 3 Classified Pace at Covehead. From sixth position in the first heat he won the second in 2:15 2-5 and the third in 2:14. Up in the State of Maine Walter D., formerly owned by Andrew Perry, Summerside, and sold some months ago to Arthur B. McGee, was just beaten in a photo finish in 2:12. We have frequently gone on record that the get of Simcoe Harvester race horses and we wish to say to the breeders—don't overlook this marvellous race horse.

Congratulations must be given to Len O'Meara for the way he handled Quick Lick. It was a good opportunity to show his driving talents and his many friends were glad to see him given the part. In passing we would like to compliment Charlie Willis on his splendidly balanced program which brought some of the finest finishes seen for a long time, and also to congratulate Dr. F. C. Dougan on the starting.

In the other provinces Island horses are showing up well with Kavala, owned by P. C. McCormac and driven by Joe Hennessey, winning the Free-For-All at Pictou; Billy McVey, owned by Dr. Temple Hooper and driven by Walter Craig winning the 2:26 2:27 in straight heats, and Mary Merk, owned and driven by Earle Semple, winner of the second section of the same race. Mary lowered her record from 2:12 4-5 to 2:12 3-5.

Night racing got under way at St. John this week with horses from Calais, Moncton, St. John and other parts of the Maritimes battling it out in a series of good contests. St. John track is planning a continuous program of racing with a possibility of a two or three days meet later on in the season.

The announcement of \$10,000 in purses for Old Home Week races at Canada's Finest Track, August

10-11-12-13 with a \$1,300 Free-For-All and eleven other classes with purses ranging from \$800 to \$600, sponsored by leading merchants of Charlottetown and Summerside, has definitely placed Old Home Week as the banner race meet of the Maritimes. These purses, a good track, capable management, a friendly welcome and all the things that make racing worth while will surely bring an outstanding entry list for Canada's biggest race week, for it is truly that. We understand that prizes for leading drivers and groomers are being offered which is an added attraction.

We are indebted to George R. MacDonald for a copy of Bay State Raceway program where Joe O'Brien shone so brilliantly last season. At present there are 75 drivers racing there with upwards of 300 horses, which will give an idea of the tough competition one who goes there will meet with. Several of the drivers are Canadians including our own Dannie Steele, Earle Avery, C. Flemming, H. Hodgkins, R. Lamoreaux, H. LaRoche, Worrell Lewis, Cape Breton, Louis Praught and possibly others that we do not recognize. When the card was mailed Worrell Lewis had made twelve starts, had won three firsts, four seconds and three thirds; Earle Avery had made 29 starts, won three firsts, four seconds and seven thirds; H. LaRoche had made 26 starts, had three firsts, seven seconds and three thirds; Dannie Steele ten starts, one first, two seconds, four thirds; Louis Praught 18 starts, two firsts, one second, and four thirds. Leading driver with ten or more starts according to the booklet, was Worrell Lewis, with Dannie Steele in fourth place, LaRoche in fifth, Earle Avery in tenth. The pacing track records of Tip Abbe, the 9-16 of a mile, 6 1-2 furlongs and 1 1-8 miles remained as made last September with Joe O'Brien driving. The record for the one-mile for pacers had been lowered to 2:07 3-5 by O. Dunkin driving Captain Ellis 2:02 1-4.

Our good friend J. L. Read, Truro, remembers us with some comments on the Pictou races. We were—Billy McVey and Mary Merk looked good and appeared to have about everything needed to make good race horses. Harley Harrison raced what looks like the makings of a good trotter in Dixie Bell B. It was only her third race and Harley says she needs a few adjustments to her shoeing. Her sire is Calumet Budlong 2:02 3-4. She took a record in the third heat of 2:16. In that heat Mary Merk had to take the regulation. Jola Henley is a small bay mare well put together, free-legged, no overdraw, open bridled, good manners and looked as though she would have won the last heat in her race but made a break that put her out of it. This class, the 2:21-2:23, had a splendid field which included Ensign Joe, George Gratlan, Togo Bars, Earle's Prince Charming, Aubrey Budlong and Cochato Princess.

Single Streak, a greatly improved horse from his previous race, commenced to get better as the contest progressed. Coming from fifth position in the first heat he was a close second in the next heat which was stepped in 2:15 4-5, and won from Jola Henley the third heat in 2:16 1-5. Ernie English looks to have a fair pacer in Iris Abbe that won the 2:29 classified from a nice field. She is good mannered and will improve. I did not see the race between Judd, Vella la Vella and Tennessee Sue. But everyone told me that it was a good one, close finishes and fast time—2:08 2-5 or 2:09, which

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SPORTING NEWS

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A full weekend of sports is at hand for local sports followers with tennis, golf, night racing and baseball scheduled and in all four fans should get their quota of thrills—and they certainly won't have many spare moments if they are looking forward to taking all the events in.

In tennis the Charlottetown Club gets their annual senior club tournament underway this afternoon and with a large entry list some of the keenest competition in years is being looked forward to by club officials.

Many newcomers—there is a record number of juniors listed this season—will be seen in action getting their first taste of tournament play later on in a junior tournament and already players who have been at the game for years have been impressed with the manner in which the new crop of racquet wielders have been catching on to the game.

Mixed foursomes, always a popular event will be held at the Belvedere Golf Club and like tennis, the shot makers are looking forward to a great afternoon's sport with the competition very likely to be close all the way between the large number of entries that are expected to see off.

Management of Canada's finest race track has come up with another ten-strike in the night racing program scheduled for this evening. Eight dashes all well filled should provide equally as good racing as was witnessed last Saturday night and the fans on that occasion were more than satisfied. Horses have been classified as evenly as possible and it is quite probable that the usual upsets, with resulting big pays on the pari-mutuel will again figure largely in the program.

Sunday afternoon Rovers and Millionaires clash at the Memorial Field diamond in a City Baseball League encounter. The game winds up the week-end sports program and it should be a hotly contested one all the way through for it is a known fact, with the Anchors far out in front, that the race for the second and final playoff spot will be strictly between Sunday's performing squads.

Winners of only one game so far this season, Millionaires picked up for their only victory to date. If they can turn the trick again tomorrow afternoon they will be very much in the playoff picture and followers of the team feel strongly that Millionaires have the necessary strength to give a repeat performance.

Once again it has been proven that all Island fight cards can give local boxing fans plenty of entertainment and real onestroke-mittling. The grand promoter Joe McDonald presented at the Sporting Club on Thursday night was a slem bang affair all the way through with action being the key note of each and every scrap. As a result the large sized crowd of fans went away well satisfied.

Incidentally "Big Boy" Peterson unveiled more punching power in his win over Dougan than he ever did before in a local ring. Spectators at the fight were impressed by the manner in which the heavyweight champion was hammering in his blows and already, some of the boxing fans are anxiously looking in a return go for the crown now held by the latter.

That fight, it seems, would be a natural. In previous engagements the two willing mitslingers have put on crowd-pleasing, rugged performances with no quarter asked nor none being given and it may not be too long before the match will become a reality. It should fill the Sporting Club to capacity.

Young Blair Dougan, although losing his second straight fight to Peterson lost nothing in prestige in defeat. Still a novice at the professional game, the youngster proved plainly Thursday night that he has all kinds of courage; he can take plenty of punishment and at the same time can dish out a fair share of it himself, and once

One Of Many Close Ones



The above photo finish shot taken by the W. R. Godfrey Photo Finish machine at the Covehead harness racing meet Wednesday shows Quick Lick, driven by Len O'Meara beating out Dale B. O'Brien up, in the second heat of No 3 Classified Pace. Quick Lick paid \$43.20 on the pari-mutuel and went on to win the third heat in much the same manner from the same horse. The finish was but one of eight photo finishes during the afternoon.

Durocher Resigns From Dodgers; Takes Ott's Job With The Giants

NEW YORK, July 16 (AP)—In a move as startling as it was sudden, New York Giants today removed mild Melvin Ott, the club's manager since 1942 and installed in his place swashbuckling Leo Durocher, who was released as pilot of Brooklyn Dodgers to take the job.

The Dodgers, acquiring in this unprecedented mid-season change of managers, recalled 63-year-old Burt (Barney) Shotten, their pennant-winning leader last season to replace Durocher. The transaction, completed within a 24-hour period, took effect immediately with Shotten flying to Cincinnati to take over the Brooklyn club at Cincinnati this afternoon and Durocher leaving from New York to Pittsburgh to guide the Giants in a night game.

The quick change thus brought to an end the "McGraw era" of Giant management, for Ott was the last of the players who came to the Giants while John McGraw managed the club. At the same time it brought in an aggressive, noisy manager of the McGraw type.

Will Remain in Organization Ott, who joined the club as a 16-year-old "boy wonder" in 1926 and never has been associated with any other team, will remain in the Giants' organization in an undetermined capacity, although he resigned as manager. He will serve out the term of his contract, which runs through 1950, after taking a brief vacation.

Durocher was hired for the remainder of the 1948 season and for 1949 under the exact terms called for in his Brooklyn contract. This was understood to give him a basic salary of \$45,000 a year with additional amounts based on attendance figures.

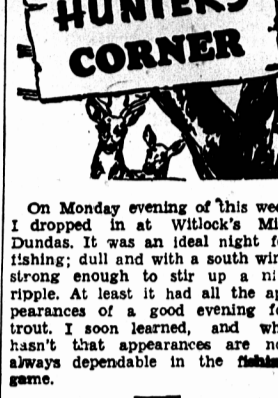
Out As Phils Manager

ST. LOUIS, July 16 (AP)—Ben Chapman was dismissed as manager of Philadelphia Phillies today in a sudden move that caught the entire team by surprise. Coach Alen (Dusty) Cooke, Chapman's close friend for 20 years, was named as his temporary successor.

Club president R. R. M. Carpenter, Jr. called Chapman into his hotel suite here to advise him he gets a few more fights under his belt, fights that will give him added experience and confidence, he should prove to be a tough fighter to take over the hurtles.

"Tige" Steele also is coming along like a house afire. Just a preliminary fighter last season the clever young boxer who also carries authority in his right hand shots has chalked up a few convincing victories already this season and paying strict attention to condition and training should be able to advance pretty well up the ladder in his division throughout the Maritimes.

HUNTERS' CORNER



On Monday evening of this week I dropped in at Witlock's Mill, Dundas. It was an ideal night for fishing; dull and with a south wind strong enough to stir up a ripple. At least it had all the appearances of a good evening for trout. I soon learned, and who hasn't that appearances are not always dependable in the fishing game.

Whitlock's has withstood some intensive angling this season and many were wondering if the reason for the poor fishing this past month was on account of the pond being fished out, and not due to weather conditions and the unpredictable attitude of the Whitlock trout. Trout were rising as my two companions rowed up the pond. Two of us had fishing rods and the third member of the party was equipped with a pair of oars. I was angling in state for once in my life.

Trout up to a pound in weight, or better, would make a pass at one of my flies, sometimes turning a complete somersault over the line, without getting hooked. One mackerel sized trout slapped at my bob fly three times in succession and nearly gave me heart failure before it dawned upon me that the fish was having a little fun and really didn't mean business. My companion was having a little better luck.

I finally broke the "goose egg" and landed a half pounder whose stomach was distended to the bursting point by the food it had consumed. A half hour later I landed the second... my limit for the evening. My companion had better luck, or perhaps was a better fisherman, for he creeled 7 ranging from a half to three quarter pound each.

For a half hour just before dark the trout put on a show that was worth the trip just to witness even if a blank had been drawn as to the catch. Every where one looked there were trout rising. Hundreds of trout were surfacing every minute and covering all sections of the pond. The odd big whopper could be heard at times churning the water with a resounding splash but the big bulk of the feeding trout could be placed in the 1/2 pound class. There are thousands of gamey trout still cruising the waters of Whitlock's... let there be no doubt about that.

The Whitlock trout are hard to beat for flavour and texture when dished up on a platter. I noticed that they differed from the ordinary dam trout in that they firmed up after being caught after the manner of fresh run sea trout.

It appears passing strange to this scribbler how little, as events have indicated, the average fisherman appreciates the fishing boon handed to them on a platter by Mr. Edgar Whitlock. Four years ago on his own initiative and at his own expense he rebuilt the old Morson's Dam and transformed a barren dam bed into a fisherman's paradise... which he has left open to public fishing.

Furthermore at considerable yearly expense he has kept the structure of the dam in repair and had acquired a fleet of up-to-date boats that cost in some instances as high as \$50.00 each. On several occasions he has requested monetary assistance from the License fund but to date has not received one cent of the money derived from the sale of fishing licenses. His latest proposition was an offer to lease the fishing and hunting rights of his property for the use of the general public at an annual fee of \$150, and agreed to supply 20 boats in good repair to be made

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Knights Move Up In Standing With Win Over Kinsmen

Ivan "Pat" Connors' hustling Knights of Columbus junior baseball squad last night defeated the Kinsmen Juniors by a score of 8-3 to make it a three way tie for first place in the second section schedule honors.

Leading the way for the winners was red-headed Merlin McKenzie who pitched a four hitter and struck out a total of fourteen batters. McKenzie was never in trouble as his mates scored five runs in the second inning to pave the way for the victory. L. MacDonald led the hitters in the encounter as he hit two singles in three times at bat while Reggie Hughes hit a double for the longest hit of the game.

The Knights got off to a good start as they scored once in the opening frame and then added five more in the second inning while the losers were scoring once. In the fifth inning the Kinsmen scored once more and the Knights built a lead a double. In the seventh inning Larry Lewis hit a ground ball to Trainer at first but Trainer fumbled the ball but Billy Pryor backing up the play fielded the ball in time to throw Lewis for the out. It was a nice play.

The game was loosely played by both teams as a total of ten errors were committed during the encounter.

BOX SCORE

Kinsmen	AB	R	H	PO	A
Lewis rf	4	0	2	0	0
Flynn ss	3	0	3	3	3
Coyne lf	3	0	0	0	0
Hennessey ph	0	1	0	0	0
Stull 3b	4	0	1	2	1
Callan rf	4	0	1	0	4
Kennedy 2b	4	1	1	0	3
Rossiter 1b	4	0	1	0	0
Hughes c	3	0	1	0	0
Currie p	1	0	0	2	0
Crockett	1	0	0	3	1
Totals	31	3	4	21	17

Knights AB R H PO A

Nicholson cf	3b	4	0	2	0
L. MacDonald 2b	3	1	2	1	2
Pineau cf	3b	4	1	0	1
Flynn c	4	0	15	0	
McKenzie p	4	1	0	1	
McNeill rf	4	0	1	0	
C. MacDonald ss	3	1	0	1	
Shepherd lf	2	1	0	0	
Trainer 1b	3	1	0	0	
Pryor	0	0	0	0	
Totals	31	8	24	33	

Mixed Foursomes At Belvedere Today

Mixed foursomes will be played at the Belvedere Golf Course this afternoon. Following is the draw:

Reg MacKinnon and Mrs. Wm McDonald vs. Bill McNeill and Jean McLean.

Heath Saunders and Mrs. A.J. Haslam vs. Ben Conrad and Aethie Laird.

O.K. Presby and Mrs. W.E. Cotton vs. Jack McEachern and Dorothy Stewart.

Doug Pierce and Helen Likely vs. Dr. Wm McDonald and Mrs. W.S. Barbour.

Ivan Trainor and Mrs. Jack McEachern vs. Had McInnis and Miss Ann Duffy.

M.J. Dowling and Peg MacMillan vs. Doug Saunders and Mrs. O.K. Presby.

Arn Howatt and Miss Iris McLellan vs. A.J. Haslam and Mrs. Angus McEachern.

Somerled Trainor and Mrs. Stirling McDonald vs. Jim Montgomery and Mrs. W.R. McNeill.

Games will be arranged at the Club House for any others wishing to participate.

Opening Round In Tennis Tourney Today

The opening round of the Charlottetown Tennis Club Senior Closed Tournament will get underway here today at the Club grounds in Victoria Park.

With some 36 players scheduled to compete in the first-round singles events over the week-end, much enthusiasm has been shown among the club members during the past few days in anticipation of getting into tournament play. For some of the younger players it will be their first experience in tournament competition, but nevertheless they are expected to give some of the old hands a run for their money before the play progresses very far.

The following is the first round draw for the ladies and men's singles events:

Men's Singles
James Johnston vs. James McNeill; Earl Smith vs. David Jar-

dine; W. E. Wran vs. Mark McGuigan; Harold Power vs. Walter Jardine; F. Boudrais vs. Phillip Jardine; Herbert Hughes vs. George Burnett; G. D. Fitzgerald vs. Vernon Sobey; Ivan Reddin vs. Warren Farrar; J. J. Bond vs. L. FitzGerald.

Ladies Singles
Wanda MacMillan vs. Bessie O'Sullivan; Laura J. Arsenault vs. Hilmi Shannon; Elizabeth Willet vs. Frances Coyle; Margaret Dumont vs. Joan Stuart; Helen Lawson vs. Frances Arsenault; Helen Larier vs. Helen Dewar; Helen DeBlais vs. winner of MacMillan vs. Conrad; Audrey DeBlais vs. winner of Larier vs. Dewar.

All players of the above scheduled matches are asked to be on hand at the Club grounds by 2:30 sharp to arrange times for the matches to be played.

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