

## DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

In the early days of harness racing "ringing", or the substitution of a fast horse under another name as a competitor in a slow class event was common and for years the trotting turf was the stamping ground of the ringers. Its system of record classification offered unusual inducements for unscrupulous owners and drivers to "put one over", in other words they took the chance of starting a fast class trotter or pacer under a false name in a slow class to make a killing. But the opportunity of winning large amounts with such a horse was not as great as among the runners. Money winning classification practically put the harness horse ringer out of business although once in a while an odd one turns up just to show that someone has not realized that it is now an unbeatable game.

Among the most noted ringers of recent years was Professor Sphinx—real name Jack London. He was a good trotter and had taken a fast record but with a little disguising, changing of rigging, "Professor" A. E. Richardson of Flint, Michigan, changed him over first to Baker and later to Professor Sphinx. In 1912 he raced at Montreal and other places under the name of Baker, then at Plattsburgh, N. Y. as Professor Sphinx. The race was only a light workout for Professor Sphinx, although there were several good horses in it. Jim Farley (afterwards Post Master General of the U.S.A.) who was racing a horse in the same event, demanded identification of this new trotter and there was such an uproar that all bets were

declared off and the winnings of the horse were held up.

A few weeks later Richardson appeared at Canton, Ohio, with Professor Sphinx. A lot of money was bet on him and he won in a walk. From that meeting to the end of the season Professor Sphinx was raced at fairs including such big ones as Allentown and Minneola, and he showed that he could trot any decent half-mile track in 2:10 or better. In his latest races he had been campaigned under the ownership of J. J. Roberts. In October Grand Circuit trainers Cox and Murphy, on the lookout for a good horse to stake and campaign the next season, took the trail to Worcester, Mass., where Professor Sphinx was located. Tommy Murphy bought him for \$5,000. In the meantime the National Trotting Association were looking into his ancestry and they finally learned that the gelding Jack London 2:12 1/2 was missing. His description tallied with that of Professor Sphinx and identification confirmed it and Professor Sphinx was pronounced Jack London.

When the identity of Jack London was established Roberts, his former owner, refunded his winnings claiming that he had purchased him from Richardson in good faith. The money was returned of course to the horses who had finished back of Professor Sphinx, and Murphy was permitted to race him on the Grand Circuit as Jack London. He did win some races but apparently "Professor" Richardson had the key to him and Murphy seemed unable to get as much speed out of Jack London as the "Professor" did.

Various other ringers have shown up since Jack London but none of them got very far. One of them, Edna L. a nifty little mare that took a record of 2:09 1/4 at Urbana, Illinois, went under several names. The crooks who were racing her changed her color on different occasions. They always endeavored to make a city where there was considerable betting at the track so as to make a clean up. They were finally caught up with the goods and Edna L. that had raced as a bay, black, brown and a chestnut under various names was sold in the spring of 1921 and exported to England.

Ringling among harness horses has always been small business compared with the runners. Forty-odd years ago the past master ringer Paddy Barrie started work as an exercise boy for Neil Larsen, owner of a small stable at Brighton, England. He was a wizard and little man who had an ambition to be a jockey, but his arms were too delicate to rein a headstrong charger, so he turned to ringling. It was not long before he acquired quite a reputation among crooks who infested the British tracks. Not only could he change a dark horse into a light bay in a short time but he could speed up a slow horse and slow down a fast one. He would color

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**LAKELAND, Fla., March 18-** (AP)—Art Houtteman's doctor said today the Detroit Tigers' pitcher was in "very good condition." Houtteman's skull was fractured Friday in an automobile crash. He is in hospital.

**VERO BEACH, Fla., March 18-** (CP)—Montreal Royals and St. Paul Saints, respective winners in the International League and American Association last season, met here today for the first time this year and the Royals won 7-2.



Local fans should be in for a good hockey tussle at the Forum here on Monday night when the Saint Francis Xavier University squad, with the addition of 'Dunc' MacIntyre, will clash with Saint Dunstan's University in an exhibition encounter.

Old rivals on the gridiron as well as on the ice surfaces, the two Universities will not be pulling any punches when they clash, exhibition or no, and with MacIntyre, number two man in the A.P. C. scoring race this year, adding considerable punch to the visiting lineup, should make a really evenly watched struggle with the fast-moving Saints aggregation.

In the Montreal Daily Star's account of Tuesday night's game between Boston and Rangers at New York, when Wes "Bucko" Trainor notched up his first goal in N.H.L. competition, the following is the writer's description of Trainor's goal, which although brief, speaks well for the "Island pucker":—"Rookie Wes Trainor got New York's final goal, and his first in the N.H.L., at 13:59, after Bill Moose's long shot was batted out by Brimsek. The fast-skating Trainor soared out of nowhere to slap in the rebound."

"One of the four catchers on the Cardinal roster this year," says Doug (Windsor Star) Vaughan, "is Joe Garagiola who in May, 1946, reported to the Cardinal from Manila in the Philippines and who returns this spring from Columbus of the American Association. He is a young man, 23, who knew world series fame less than a year before he was shipped back to the minors.

"The 1946 series was between the Red Sox and Cardinals. It is properly recorded as Enos Slaughter's series. Garagiola was one of its lesser heroes because he was only a kid a few years removed from Dago Hill in St. Louis and was calling pitches to Ted Williams and Bobby Doerr and doing a good job of it.

"That was before the Dodgers (and then other teams) began to put relentless running pressure on Joe. Then it was discovered that Garagiola's throwing was slightly less effective than Yogi Berra's and that you could steal everything from him but his smile. The Dodgers rode the opposition and the bases hard in 1947 and presently they brought about the downfall of both the Cardinals and Garagiola.

"Now Garagiola is back and it is not surprising that not much about him has come out of St. Petersburg, Fla., where the Cardinals are training because everybody must be rooting for him to make the jump to the big wheel.

"When you meet Garagiola," Granddaddy Rice once wrote, "you get the feeling that the human race isn't as bad as it has looked to be. Friendly, likeable, full of fire and enthusiasm, your first reaction is that here is quite a guy. His eyes shine and his teeth show white when he gives you a quick smile. He is always working and hustling—and always for the team."

"Garagiola probably has at least an even chance of catching first string this year unless Eddie Dyer raids the trade market for receiver of known major league ability. Joe's average at Columbus was 356 and he proved during his brief major league fling that he can hit the long ball. The big question must still be his throwing and if Berra can learn (as Bill Dickey says), well, then why can't Joe?"

## Navy Defeats S. D. U. In Overtime To Tie-Up City League Finals

In the ruggedest battle to be witnessed at the Forum this year in City League competition, Walter Lawlor's Navy squad forced the City Hockey League playoffs into a third game by edging out Saint Dunstan's University by a 6-5 count after the game had gone into its second period of overtime. Saints took the opening game Tuesday night 11-7.

Bobby Dowling pulled the hat-trick for Navy when he banged in the winning goal at 1:14 of the second overtime period when he intercepted an opposing player's pass into the blue-line to drive home a hard shot from about 40 feet out.

The game was a dazzling affair all the way through, with Saints leading 1-0 at the end of the first period, despite the fact that Navy held the bulk of the play in the Saints zone for the last three-quarters of the period, and hammered away almost continuously at the Saints net after Deighen got the opening goal for Saints at the 2:23 mark. Mahar passed to him behind the net, Deighen in turn centering out past the corner of the net, the puck hitting Davis' skate and sliding in. But goalie Frank Strain turned in another sensational job in the Saints net to keep them scoreless in the period.

Saints jumped to an early two-goal lead in the second frame, with Mahar scoring at 1:40 when he let go a high backhand shot from about 20 feet out on a pass from Houde. The Navy tied their opening counter exactly one minute later when Dowling banged one home on a passing attack with Sheppard in front of the net. Saints came roaring back at 6:10 however, to regain their two goal lead which they held for the remainder of the period. Bernard got the goal on a tricky solo from centre ice to beat the puck hitting Davis' skate and sliding in. The Navy made some really dangerous sallies during the period, but again Strain turned in a stellar performance to limit them to one goal.

Chris Gallant sent the Navy into a scoring streak at 8:28 of the third period when he picked up Josey's pass a little past centre and behind his own blue-line, to race in and bang home a hard angle shot. Johnny Higson followed it up with another just eight seconds later when he combined with LeClair on a passing attack in front of the net. Josey put Navy in front for the first time in the game at 15:20 when he broke clear on a tricky solo from centre ice to beat Strain out cleanly. With less than five minutes left in the game things looked pretty good for the Tars, but a little over a minute later, Will Houde tied up the score at 4-4 when he flashed in to bang in Cart MacDonald's rebound.

A goal that could have sewn up the game for Navy was scored by Alie Carver at 17:10 from a scramble in front of the net. The puck went in the net all right, but referee Elmer Blanchard overruled referee Jay's decision on the grounds that the whistle had blown before the light went on, and the goal was disallowed.

In the first period of overtime, Houde put the Saints in front again on a smart passing attack with Cart MacDonald from their own blue-line at the 20 second mark, which put the championship within the Saints grasp again, but Dowling and Carver came roaring back for Navy at 5:26, Carver carrying in from centre ice to take a shot which was stopped by Strain, only to have Dowling flash in and bang in the rebound, to still keep the score deadlocked and force the game into a sudden-death overtime. Dowling saved the day for the Tars when he intercepted Joe

## Double Hoop Bill Scheduled For Tonight

Providing road conditions will allow travel between here and Summerside today, a doubleheader hoop match in Island Physical Fitness Basketball League competition will get underway at the P.W.C. auditorium tonight which will see the two Summerside entries clash with two of the Charlottetown squads.

## Abbies Hoop Team Defeats Y.M.C.A. 32-31

The Juvenile Abbie hoopers further increased their lead in the City Juvenile Basketball League at the P.W.C. auditorium last night by eaking out a narrow 32-31 win over the second place Y.M.C.A. quintette in a regular league fixture.

The game was a well played evenly contested encounter all the way through with the Abbies holding a 17-11 lead at the end of the first half, with the Y aggregation coming back strong in the final half to outscore them by a 20-15 margin, but lose out by a one point deficit.

The following are the lineups: Y.M.C.A.—MacPherson, Hine, Hurry, B. McAndrew, J. McAndrew, Burgess, MacNeill, Coyle.

Abbies—Glover, G. Scantlebury, Dalziel, Burke, Warren, T. Scantlebury, Jardine.

Officials—Referee, Red Howatt and Donnie MacLean; scorer, Garth Crockett; timer, John Allen.

Mahar's passout inside the blue-line to drill a hard shot past Strain for the winning goal at the 1:14 mark of the second overtime, to give Navy a chance to still capture the City title.

The third and final game will be played next Wednesday night. The following are the lineups: Navy: Goal, Davis; defence, MacDonald, Gallant, Josey, Pound; forwards, Higson, Perry, Strain, Dowling, Sheppard, Carver, Jay, Perry Kelly.

S. D. U.: Goal, Strain; defence, McAdam, Hennessey, Mahar; forwards, Houde, Rodgers, MacDonald, Farmer, Deighen, Ledwell, Bernard, J. McQuaid, M. McQuaid.

Referees: Leith Jay and Elmer Blanchard.

First Period  
1-S.D.U., Deighen, 2:23  
Penalties: Mahar, Rodgers, Carver (2, one major).

Second Period  
2-S.D.U., Mahar, 1:40  
3-Navy, Dowling, 2:40  
4-S.D.U., Bernard, 6:10  
Penalties: Pound.

Third Period  
5-Navy, G. Gallant, 8:28  
6-Navy, Higson, 8:36  
7-Navy, Josey, 15:20  
8-S.D.U., Houde, 16:40  
Penalties: Josey.

First Overtime  
9-S.D.U., Houde, 1:20  
10-Navy, Dowling, 5:26  
Penalties: None.

Second Overtime  
11-Navy, Dowling, 1:14  
Penalties—None.



March is a fickle mood. The first three days of this week were bright with the promise of spring. Flocks of wildgeese, fresh from the south, filled the air with sweet music as they came to rest on patches of open water, south and east of the city; the cheery notes of the first robin gladdened the hearts of nature lovers—then like a bolt from the blue a raging blizzard blanketed the countryside.

The wildgeese are not expected to undergo any severe hardship as the temperature did not drop low enough to freeze up the open patches of water and thus deprive the geese of food and security. The robins are sturdy, resourceful and are able, under ordinary conditions, to scrounge for themselves. They remember where they have been well treated when here last and make a point of returning to the same old feed table.

Superintendent Anderson's pair of pet robins said hello to him on Sunday morning, March 13th. This makes the fourth spring that they have arrived at his back door asking for a handout. They nest nearby and spend the spring and summer in his garden plot. They have become so tame they'll hop a foot off the ground and pick a worm from between his thumb and forefinger.

Its passing strange how birds will quickly recognize a friend and shy clear of a stranger. The geese at Rollo Bay soon got to know Jack George MacDonald, their meal ticket, and would let him walk to within 30 yards before moving off. If a stranger (to the geese) accompanied him, they didn't get within two gunshots. Several times amateur photographers came with Mr. MacDonald at feeding time in the hope of getting pictures, but the geese had other ideas.

The opening of the trout fishing season is now less than a month away—April 16th. I know some of the boys will be disappointed because it will not open on Good Friday the 15th. I talked to the Supervisor of Fisheries for the province this week and the chances for a change on such short notice are zero. A Federal Act is something that is not changed without the proper procedure being followed. At any rate there was no harm in trying.

This last storm may put a crimp in the trout fishing on the opening day. If the snow melts too quickly a heavy freshet is the result, particularly since the ground is frozen and little water will be absorbed in a natural manner.

An abnormal flow of water seaward a week or so before the opening date has a tendency to cause the trout to move out toward the sea. If there is a gradual thawing the trout that have spent the winter in fresh water will, in all probability, be waiting the angle in the streams and rivers. Of course there is always the mill dam to fall back on. There appeared to be a normal number of spawning trout last November, in some streams the run was heavy, and unless the illegal take was excessive during the winter, some good catches are in prospect for the lucky fishermen.

As a rule there is a more normal flow of water on April 16th than there is on April 15th. Years ago when the season opened on

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**WATER RESEARCH**  
The fisheries research board of Canada is gathering data on Canada's Pacific coast, respecting temperature and salinity conditions of coastal areas.

## Bathurst Wins From S' Side 7-4 To Retain Intermediate Title

For the second year in a row the Bathurst Papermakers won the New Brunswick-Prince Edward Island intermediate hockey championship defeating their two-year opponents the Summerside All-Stars by the score of 7 to 4 and winning the round 19 to 15. On ice which made smooth passing and even effective puck carrying impossible, the visitors, showing a much superior ganging technique had a decided edge on the night's play, and deserved their win. The All-Stars stuck to their passing game pretty much throughout although the ice made it ineffective. The Papermakers on the other hand banged the water over the blue-line for the most part and chased after it.

Summerside got the only tally of the first period and skated off the ice with the round tied at 12-all. Oatway raced in through centre from a face-off at the visitors blue-line and beat Hicks from fairly close by.

Bathurst evened the score early in the second frame, banging the puck home from a scramble in front of the net. With shields off for tripping, Stohart took a pass from Venlot on right wing and made it 2 to 1. The players were doing a lot of bumping at this stage. Eyt Bernard missed the net after hitting a breakaway. MacKay, Bathurst speedster stole the puck right in front of the net and made it 3 to 1 for the Papermakers. Mooney Gallant banged home Steele's rebound to draw up a little closer, but Martin, Bathurst veteran defenceman scored soon after taking the water from D. Venlot during a spirited ganging attack. With three minutes to go "Toey" Richards scored the prettiest goal of the night while his team-mate was off for boarding. Richards stickhandled his way superbly past two red-shirted visitors and fooled Hicks with a beautiful shot. Right after the same player set up Grant on another fine effort but Hicks held the fort on this occasion.

Bathurst scored three goals without a return in the first five minutes of play in the third session. MacKay, Stohart and Hall were the snipers, MacKay's goal being the result of a three-way passing bout. Stohart circling the net twice before poking it between Foy and the left post and Hall scoring on a long shot skooked from the blue-line. With only two minutes to go Grant ended the scoring taking Richards' pass just outside the

1st Period  
1-S' Side, Oatway ..... 2:08  
Penalties—Martin, Shields.

2nd Period  
2-Bathurst, D. Venlot ..... 5:10  
3-Bathurst, Stohart (C. Venlot) ..... 11:28  
4-Bathurst, MacKay ..... 14:00  
5-S' Side, S. Gallant (Steele) ..... 16:26  
6-Bathurst, Martin (D. Venlot) ..... 18:12  
7-S' Side, Richards ..... 18:55  
Penalties—Shields, Woodside.

3rd Period  
8-Bathurst, MacKay (Pitre, Babln) ..... 1:28  
9-Bathurst, Stohart ..... 2:25  
10-Bathurst, Hall ..... 4:17  
11-S' Side, Grant (Richards) ..... 17:35  
Penalties—Martin, Shields, Pitre.

**SCOTTISH SOURCE**  
The expression "between the devil and the deep blue sea" originated in 1637 when a Scottish regiment was trapped between the ocean and Swedish artillery fire.

I am, Sir, etc.,  
JOHN W. MCNEILL  
Summerside, P. E. I.  
March 18th, 1949.

## Murray Harbor Bruins Capture Taylor Trophy

The Murray Harbour Bruins won the Taylor Trophy emblematic of supremacy of the Southern King's Hockey League by squeaking out the Montague Meteors 4-3 at Montague last night.

The Murray Harbour boys were trailing 3-2 at the end of the second period, but rallied in the last half of the first period to score two goals, to sew up the game and the championship.

The game was fast throughout and featured accurate passing. Standouts on both teams were the goalies who turned in good performances.

Murray Harbour: Goal, S. MacKay; defence, W. Harris, R. Chapman, L. McNeill; forwards, G. Harris, F. Harris, Roy Chapman, S. Rume, W. McNeill, C. Dutton, R. MacDonald, A. Irving, G. MacKay, Montague: Goal, B. Fraser; de-

## Interscholastic Game Tonight At Souris Rink

Elmer Blanchard's Queen Square School hockeyists, City interscholastic champions, will leave for Souris tonight where they will meet the Souris School squad in a sudden-death game in the semi-final playoffs for the Island interscholastic championship. The winner will meet Summerside High School in the finals next week.

The game should produce plenty of action and smart competition, and a large number of fans are expected to turn out to see the boys in action.

The team will leave by special bus from the Travel Bureau at 5:30 this evening.

## Playoff Details Are Announced

MIDLAND, Ont., March 18 — (CP)—George S. Dudley, secretary-manager of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, today announced details in two series in the eastern Allan and Memorial Cup playoffs.

Members of the Ottawa District League will meet Sydney Millionaires in Sydney, N.S., March 21 and 22 in the first two games of a best-of-five series. The third game will be played in Ottawa March 25. If further games are necessary they will be staged in Ottawa on March 28 or 29, and March 30 or 31. Red Farrell and Ken Holmshaw of Toronto will officiate.

In another best-of-five series Halifax St. Mary's will face Inkerman Rockets Juniors of the Ottawa District. All contests are scheduled for Ottawa with the first three games on March 21, 23 and 25th. If extra games are necessary they will be played March 26 or 29, and March 30 or 31. Pat Johnson and Sparky Vall of Toronto will officiate.

While the Summerside team was in Murray Harbor, they were told in different parts of the rink that Mr. Orilly Lea was the official manager and that is why reports came out of Summerside to this effect. We agree that Summerside was in a class by itself, as compared with the Murray Harbor boys, as mentioned by "John W. Mac", but what would happen to the Island president's second rate intermediate team, played off with a team of the strength of the Bathurst Papermakers or the Halifax Navy. They would be swamped and their prestige lost.

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## Lee Oma Wins

NEW YORK, March 18—Dropped for a nine-count in the first round, Lee Oma, Detroit veteran, came back to punch out a decisive, unanimous 10-round victory over Cuba's Omelio Agramonte in Madison Square Garden tonight.

It was Oma's sixth straight victory in his current campaign. Oma weighed 195 1/2 and Agramonte 164.

The Cuban caught the careless Oma cold with a right hand blow to the chin early in the first round. The 32-year-old Oma took a nine count and called on all his guile to last out the round.

## Notice To Horsemen

A meeting will be held Wednesday afternoon, March 23, at 2 o'clock in the City Hall, Charlottetown, for the purpose of forming a Standard Horse Breeders Association.

All those interested are invited to attend.

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