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DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

Abner T. Clegg 2.04 1/2 is expected to arrive at Kensington this afternoon or at latest on Monday and will be taken directly to Myron MacArthur's stable. He has been in stud service at Sam Pitts' farm in Maine and had a real good patronage there. Insistent demands by breeders here who are great admirers of the son of Jim Abbe, have been acceded to by owner Arthur B. McGee, Augusta, Maine, and Abner will likely be here for the remainder of the season.

May win by Watson Peter, dam by Captain Aubrey, foaled a colt last Wednesday by Abner T. Clegg 2.04 1/2. She is at Myron MacArthur's farm but is owned by Arthur B. McGee.

Charles Willis, proprietor of Covehead Race Track, is featuring a \$1,000 2.24 pace stake to be raced September 15th, at his two-day fall meeting.

Bert Younker, Winsloe, is pinning his hopes on the yearling Bandy B., by Calumet Budlong 1.02 1/2, dam, Alestra 2.12 1/2 by Real Frisco. Alestra was brought here as a three-year-old by the late Professor S. A. Rockford and horsemen will remember what a tough and courageous performer he was. None of us thought when we saw her worked at the track here the year of her arrival that she would ever take a record of 2.12 1/2, but she had the stuff of which heroes are made. In addition to the above mentioned gelding Ira McCoubrey, New Glasgow, has a five-year-old out of her by Abner T. Clegg that with very little work has shown up well. He plans to have him trained and raced this season.

Hanover Shoe Farms will have 90 yearlings at the Harrisburg sale this fall and C. E. Ellis will send 45 yearlings from his Village Farm to it. They are by Cardinal Prince 1.59 1/2; His Majesty 1.59 1/2; His Honor 1.59 1/2 and Follow Up 2.00 1/2. All the Hanover Shoe Farm sires have records of 2.00 or better. Many years ago it was not considered so important to breed to sires with developed speed and Moko, that proved such an astounding success as a futurity sire at Walnut Hill Farm, did not have a record.

Franklyn Safford who trained and raced the stable of Sullivan and Mawhinney for years, is still at Pinehurst, unlike many of the trainers of large stables who have trekked to Santa Anita, Cal. Safford has Night Dream 2.02 2-5; Four Freedoms 2.04 1/2; Ralph Song 2.05 1/2; Jeff Hanover 2.05 3-5; Never Worry 2.06 1/2; Josedale Dandy 2.07 2-5; Rusty Hanover 2.08; Hurley Belle 2.08 4-5; Princess Harriet 2.09 2-5, and four other record performers. It is one of Safford's best stables in years.

Nearly all the horsemen have left the winter training camp at Orlando, Florida, and most of them believe that Ben White's filly out of the world's record trotting mare Rosalind 1.56 1/2 is the best two-year-old trained there this year. They also like Corning Day, a two-year-old by Guy Day that Tommy Berry recently stepped a quarter mile in 32 2-5. Ben White's fastest rider behind a two-year-old trotter this season was in 2.24 and the youngster was Rocco Hanover by Dean Hanover.

Jimmiekin 2.07 1-5, one of the first new 2.10 trotters of the season, won three races the past two weeks at Santa Anita. He is by Lord Jim 2.00 1/2, sire also of Frank MacKay. Jimmiekin sold as a yearling for \$500, and is now priced at \$10,000. Joe O'Brien won another race the past week at Santa Anita, the 2.14 class one mile pace with War Master, that he had made a previous win with two weeks ago. Joe headed a classy bunch of sidewheelers and lowered War Master's record from 2.04 4-5 to 2.02 4-5.

A very kind friend from Harcourt, N.B., has sent us news of the death of an ardent horseman, James Roach of Richibucto, who passed away at his home March 29th. He was one of the best informed horsemen in County of Kent and a regular reader of this column. He knew the records and breeding of all the topnotchers on the local circuits and Grand Circuit and once owned and drove Lady Kip 2.13, a winner on local tracks. He was a very kind, friendly man and had a wide circle of friends. On behalf of horsemen friends here and throughout the Maritimes, we tender our sincere sympathy to his family.

It is with the greatest pleasure that we welcome to our column again the noted sportsman, James Pendergast of Kensington. While Jim's greatest fame was connected with the "manly art", and we may mention that it was in the Yukon that he made his greatest reputation in a hectic battle with Jack "Twin" Sullivan, light heavyweight champion of the world. What an adventurous lad he must have been, and what a story he could tell if he could be prevailed upon to write it, of the frozen North and the tragic trials that emblazoned the roads to it. Now his thoughts are on the trotters and pacers and he has gone to great pains to furnish us with the potential stars of the future in prosperous Kensington and its wonderful surrounding country. Just in passing we may say that we have been troubled because of the number of well-bred youngsters that are leaving the Garden of the Gulf for other lands, but after perusing the list below our spirits have bounded and we have an optimistic feeling that the future of our sport will be well maintained. Now for Jim....

"Tyndal Sample's stable is headed by the stallion Squire Hanover 2.08, co-holder with Watchin' 2.06 of the Summerside track trotting record. He is in splendid condition and has already proved a sire, Rita's Trinket winning the two-year-old futurity last year. Another good one is Nora Worthy, recently bought by Alfred Lowery, Montague, from Peter Power of Charlottetown. Tyndal has a three-year-old colt by Squire Hanover out of Lady Helena, also Marlon L. 2.11 3-5, that was the fastest Maritime bred trotting mare in the Maritimes last season. During the winter she won a quarter-mile over the ice at Stanley in 30 1/4. Peter McMahon, one of our oldest horsemen, recently sold a four-year-old by Simcoe Harvester to Myron Bell, and has a two-year-old Simcoe that is being tutored by Tom Turner. Johnson Ramsey is the proud owner of a

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IN THE CORNER

The many friends of Harry Moran, former starry goaltender of the Abegweit back in the early 20's when the squad were kingpins of Maritime hockey, will unite in tendering their sincere sympathy to him in the death yesterday of his aged mother which occurred after a brief illness.

With the second game of the City Basketball League finals again postponed, Saints and Prince of Wales will furnish the competition in today's basketball games and in the two scheduled games fans should witness just about a thrilling two hours of the hoop game as has been experienced on a season long, so evenly matched are the squads that will oppose each other.

The first game, an afternoon encounter will see Saints and Prince of Wales battle in the second game of the Island intercollegiate senior title and if the game takes the same pattern as the first one which the Saints won by a mere six points, followers of the game are in for an hour of fast, wide-open basketball with the outcome likely to be in doubt right up to the final whistle.

In the nighttime an equally interesting tussle is expected when the junior squads of the two colleges tangle in their second game for the Island crown. This time the shoe is on the other foot, for the P. W. C. youngsters came through with a victory in the first engagement but like the senior game the issue was always in doubt with Saints being finally beaten back after twice overtaking the leads the local Collegians had built up.

The two hoop games are the only sports events over the weekend but they will likely furnish enough competition to the sports followers until next week rolls around. Both the above series are being played on a best two out of three basis and the way things look now it will not be the least surprising if both the juniors and seniors will have to play them to the limit before the respective champions are decided.

The fight card staged at the Sporting Club Thursday night, as was expected by promoter Joey McDonald, furnished the fans with real scrapping all the way and the good sized crowd that were in attendance came away well pleased with the performances of the ten local mitt-slingers that were showing their wares. Practically every bout was productive of plenty of hard-hitting, fast action throughout and although the favorites came through in the majority of instances they had to be at their best to get the nod.

"Big Boy" Peterson kept his victory string intact when he came through with a win over Owen Mullins but the "Big Boy" received lots of tough competition from his lighter opponent who showed plenty of courage in taking Peterson's best shots—and the Island champion is certainly developing a heavy punch—and at times landing heavily on the champ.

But it remained for "Tiger" Steele and Jackie Bradley, a couple of featherweights, to steal the show in a six-rounder. The two youngsters hammered away at each other throughout each and every round, jarring each other continually and holding the crowd in an uproar by the hard battling. Steele, according to the majority of the fans, earned a clear cut decision over Bradley, but the verdict was a draw. One judge, Jack Cameron gave the nod to Steele with the other favoring Bradley. The referee's decision of a draw ended the stalemate.

The entire card, as we stated above, was thoroughly enjoyed by the fans. The attendance was considered real good and that goes to show plainly that the fans, given well matched bouts will attend in large numbers, no matter who is performing. And now that the fans have showed their interest in the game it is likely that promoter McDonald will stage many more throughout the season.

Hamilton Tigers and Ottawa Senators go at each other again tonight in the third game of their Eastern Canada senior hockey finals leading to the finals for the Allan Cup, and after the first two games it looks to be just about a toss-up as to just which squad will take the lead. The two clubs split the first two games, each winning by 2-1 scores. In both encounters the work of the goalies stood out and it will be interesting to see what happens tonight when the local shifts to Montreal Forum ice. The first game was played at Ottawa with the second one shifting to Toronto.

Port Arthur Juniors In Strong Comeback

PORT ARTHUR, April 16—(CP)—Port Arthur West End Bruins, hitting a clip which never slackened, blanked Lethbridge Native Sons 5-0 tonight to prolong their best-of-seven Western Canada junior hockey final series. Sons now lead the series 3-2. Sixth game will be played here Monday.

Bruins, fighting to stave off elimination from the series left no doubt of their superiority. The Sons never recovered from the blistering pace set by the Port Arthur club, which whipped home three goals in the first five minutes. At the end of the first period and wrapped the game up neatly with its fifth goal in the final frame. More than 4,500 fans packed the arena.

Nurses Win Hoop Opener From Co-Eds

In a smart, closely contested basketball match played at the Cundall Home Friday night, the Nurses squad, led by sharp shooting Evelyn Henry, downed the P. W. C. girls squad, last year's Island champions, by the close score of 18-16. The match was the first in a best of three series for the ladies' Island basketball title.

The second game in the series will be played at the P.W.C. Auditorium on Wednesday night. Summary: NURSES FG FS FF Pts. CHAPPEL 0 1 5 1 Smith 0 0 0 0 Thomas 2 0 3 4 Lank 0 0 0 0 G. MacLeod 0 0 0 0 S. Sterns 1 1 0 3 Hardy 0 0 0 0 MacLeod 0 0 0 0 E. Henry 5 0 2 10 Gill 0 0 0 0 Totals 8 2 10 18

Coach: Nell Young. P. W. C. FG FS FF Pts. Scales 2 1 1 5 S. MacDonald 2 0 0 4 Ellis 2 0 0 4 Pickard 0 1 1 1 Clark 0 0 0 0 Wood 0 0 0 2 E. Woodridge 1 0 0 2 M. Woodridge 0 0 0 0 Totals 7 2 4 16

Coach: J. R. LeClair. Referee: Angus MacDonald, Garth Crockett.

Late Season Hockey Game At Victoria

Victoria Rink was the scene of a late season hockey encounter on Tuesday night, when a fair sized crowd witnessed the Canoe Cove Rough Riders trounce the Tryon Arrows by a score of 7-3. The game was a thriller all the way, with good hockey being displayed by both teams. Although the game was an exhibition fixture there were just about all the thrills and spills of play-off competition. Three of the outstanding performers on the Canoe Cove squad were Stewart Miller, stalwart goalie of the Rough Riders, who really made some brilliant saves, and Charlie MacDougall and his brother Al, who accounted for four of their team's goals. B. MacKinnon with two and B. Moreash with one accounted for the remainder. The outstanding player for the Arrows was the veteran defenseman Woodside, who, through his hard checking and heady performance, was responsible for breaking up many scoring chances of their opponents. F. Ferguson, MacDonald and Delaney with one goal each accounted for the Arrows' scoring.

Valley Baseball League Organized

KENTVILLE, N. S., April 16—(CP)—The Valley Senior Baseball League was organized here tonight. Members are Windsor, Hantsport, Berwick and Kentville. The Valley loop will be the fourth senior league to operate in Nova Scotia this summer. The others are the Cape Breton League, the Halifax and District League, and the Central League. No indication was given about the opening game. William Wilson of Berwick was named president.

VICTORIA RINK HOCKEY TONIGHT Charlottetown Heartbreakers vs. Canoe Cove Roughriders

Barbara Ann Undecided Re Turning Pro

OTTAWA, April 16—(CP)—Barbara Ann Scott, the one person who should know for sure, said so again today — she still hasn't made up her mind about turning professional.

The Olympic figure-skating champion confirmed pro offers have reached the stage where she is "considering" them. She stuck by an earlier statement that nothing definite will happen until May 8, when she completes exhibition commitments. The big question, "Has Barbara turned pro?" popped up again today in a statement at Prescott, Ont., by Herbert Caldwell, one of the family friends handling Miss Scott's business affairs. He was quoted first as saying the blonde, 19-year-old Ottawa girl had "decided" to accept a professional offer. A few hours later — after Miss Scott's statement in Ottawa — he said he had been misquoted.

What he had said was that Barbara was "considering" three offers — two from Hollywood movie producers who wish to star her in pictures, one from a leading United States ice show promoter. He declined to elaborate on the nature of the three offers. No contract had been signed, he emphasized.

BOWLING TOURNAMENT

TORONTO, April 16—(CP)—The annual five-pin tournament of the Canadian Bowling Association will be launched here April 29, continuing until May 15 inclusive, it was announced today. About 500 visiting bowlers are expected to file entries.

HANDY ADAPTATION

The woodcock, the only bird in the western hemisphere whose upper bill is movable, uses his beak like a pair of tweezers to grasp food below the ground.

HUNTERS' CORNER

The opening day of the trout fishing season is now ancient history. A drab, chilly dawn saw hundreds of enthusiastic fishermen hopefully dunking "Garden hackles" in streams, mill ponds and in the pools below the waste gates. Their ages ran from teen agers to veterans of 90 years. Captain Taylor, Millview, who has seen ninety summers come and go, lined up with the mere youngsters of 30 odd years at the pool below Ross's Mill and didn't come out second best... not by a long shot.

Robert Furness, Vernon, a veteran 95-year-old fisherman had made plans weeks before the opening date to bring home a string of finny beauties but whether or not he was out on the opening morning is not known at time of writing. If he wasn't out Friday morning it was the first opening day he has missed as long as this scribe can remember and his memory goes back close to the half century mark.

A few nice catches were made but taken on the whole the catch this season on the opening day hit a new low over a long period of years. Dingwell's Mill, Fortuna, that rewarded anglers with a bumper catch last year, was a total loss. A reliable source states that only two fish were taken during the morning. I'll not say how many fishermen were out. The Big Brook, on the other hand, yielded a few nice strings of fair sized trout. Last year it was the other way round... the dam was excellent but the Big Brook was not so good.

Ross's Mill Pool was another disappointment. Several hundred trout were taken from this hole on the opening morning last year. Winter River, Thompson's Pool, Suffolk, and Milton that could be depended upon in other years to furnish nice catches let anglers

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Former Island Driver Wins Trotting Event With Spring Flower

ARCADIA, Calif., April 16—(AP)—Never far off the pace, pacer Stewart Direct got up in the final strides to win the first division of the \$3,750 Inglewood Pace in today's program of harness racing at Santa Anita park.

Results: First Race—18 Class Trot, three year old and up, California bred, mile and one-sixteenth, \$1,000 purse. Perk Maxey (Caldwell) Pegasus McBride (Thomas) Deerwood Cricket (Hansen) Also started: Spencemac, Miss Bovee, Miss Perk Axworthy, Darnell Abbe.

Second Race—25 Class Trot, 3 year olds and up, one mile, \$1,000 purse. Alvina Ebills (Cruise) Preview (Shepherd) Lady Marine (Wiseman) Time 2:08 3-5.

Also started: Tommy Brew Jr., Princess Scotland, Bobbs Day, Killroy, Pleds Pride. Third Race—30 Class Pace, 3 year olds and up, six furlongs, \$1,000 purse: Hal J. (R. Reeves) Miss Harney (H. Davis) Guy Leaf Logan (R. Shank) Time 1:30 3-5.

Also started: Miss Abble Girl, Harvey King, Jessica Scot, Monkey Frisco, Jim Axworthy M. Fourth Race—One Mile Trot, 16 Class, three years olds and upward, purse \$1,000. Spring Flower (J. O'Brien) Fletcher Hanover (F. Paks) Dhiola Lord (W. Evers) Time 2:09 3-5.

Also raced: Athlone George, Liberty Chimes, Bruce Patch, Miss Patchen, Axworthy, Daisy Volo. Fifth Race—One Mile Pace, 18 Class, 3 year olds and up, Purse \$1,000. Swindle Sheet (C. Hansen) Cooperage (C. Hodgins) Billy Bingen (C. Dant) Time 2:07.

Also raced: Brother Harmony, Angus Worthy, Hollis. Seventh Race—1 1-16 Mile Pace, 17 Class, Inglewood Pace First Div., purse \$3,750. Stewart Direct (C. Hodgins) Key Ring (G. Crippen) Eddie Siskiyou (W. Reynolds) Time 2:13.

Also raced—Max Napoleon, Black Tronia, Abbe Gay, Santa Perk, Axworthy, Defense Counsel, Patrick

Driver Drops Dead In Race At Santa Anita

ARCADIA, Calif., April 16—(AP)—Phillip H. Kirby, 62-year-old driver, toppled from his sulky during a harness race at Santa Anita today, causing a dangerous pile-up. He was pronounced dead a few minutes later from a heart attack.

The accident, first serious casualty in three years of the sport in California, occurred as the field of pacers in the fifth race wheeled around the first turn of the mile event. Veterans Foy Funderburk, driving the pacer, Steady Hal, immediately behind Kirby and his horse, Eddie Josedale, crashed into the reless sulky. Funderburk apparently was uninjured and drove in the next race.

Bowling Team Going To S'side

The Mighty Atoms bowling team from Charlottetown will bowl against the Summerside High School team at seven o'clock tonight in the Capitol Bowling Alley at Summerside. They will bowl the best out of six games for the Island bowling title and trophy.

Those making up the local teams which will leave for Summerside today are: Dave Livingstons, (captain), Billy Acorn, Shrimp Williams, Jack MacCormack and Peter Harley. The Summerside team is composed of George MacKinnon, Parker Crockett, Dave Morrison, Ivan Pineau and Derwyn Huestla.

Tass, McKinney Mile, Winsookl. Eighth Race—One Mile Trot, Class D, Purse \$1,000—To winner \$500, second \$250, third \$150, fourth \$100. Guy Paula (C. Hansen) Preston Hanover (F. Egan) Peter Song Jr. (L. Fleisch) Time—2:04.

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JUNE 26th	Feature Race -- Free-for-All Trot & Pace — 2 Dashes — \$200 Per Dash	6 Classified Dashes — \$150 Per Dash
JULY 3rd	Feature Race -- 2.27 Trot — 3 Dashes — \$500 Purse	5 Classified Dashes — \$150 Per Dash
JULY 10th	Feature Race -- 2.24 Pace — 3 Dashes — \$500 Purse	5 Classified Dashes — \$150 Per Dash
JULY 17th	Feature Race -- 2.20 Trot — 3 Dashes — \$500 Purse	5 Classified Dashes — \$150 Per Dash
JULY 24th	Feature Race -- 2.28 Pace — 3 Dashes — \$500 Purse	5 Classified Dashes — \$150 Per Dash
JULY 31st	Feature Race -- 2.20 Pace — 3 Dashes — \$500 Purse	5 Classified Dashes — \$150 Per Dash
AUGUST 7th	Feature Race -- 2.18 Pace — 3 Dashes — \$500 Purse	5 Classified Dashes — \$150 Per Dash

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