



DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

Andrew Perry, Summerside, has purchased a splendid trotting prospect in the three-year-old Judy Dale by Playdale 2045, dam, Mae West by Colonel Aubrey 2104, granddam by Captain Aubrey 2074, from Allen Hughes, Avondale. Judy Dale showed up well on the ice last winter. She is well formed and quite beautiful.

The performances of Starlight Eclipse and Seven-Up Direct at Parkview and Riverside where the former was a straight heat winner on both occasions and Seven-Up Direct 2-3-5 at Parkview and 1-1-1 at Riverside for Bunny Walker, has drawn attention to their size. Patrick Direct 2074. Many will remember this big, bay, free-legged pacer that set up the track record of 2:07 1/4 at Montague August 8th, 1934, which still stands although a lot of great free-footed pacers had a crack at it. He was brought to this country the previous fall by Robie Innes of Halifax and with very little opportunity in the stud has these two representatives.

Good news comes from Foxboro where our Island horsemen are racing against great odds, there being no less than 200 horses, the owners and drivers of which are looking for a hunk of the change and make strenuous efforts to get it. During the week Buster C. (W. Kelly), owned by Dr. J. A. Donahoe, was second to Scotty H. 2:04 1/2 (Devlin), time of the mile 2:10, and Lucky Number, owned and driven by Willard Kelly, was second to Ardella Son, Montreal-owned mare driven by Laroche. The distance was 1 1/8 miles and the time 2:22 1/2. It is glad to report that Commander G. H. Buntain's Miss Knox (L. O'Meara) was a winner, and Quick Lick (O'Meara), owned by John McLean, Souris, was 4th in a fast class. Given a few more opportunities now, with our horses getting acclimated and over the effects of the trip up, we would expect to see them all showing up prominently.

George Thompson with his popular pacer Babe Britton 2:10 2-5 has returned to Summerside after spending several weeks at the exhibition grounds in the Province and almost every day there would be friends around to see him and have a chat. His good humour and fund of stories to the horsemen at the track and all will hope to see him back again next season. Babe Britton won a fair share of the money and will be eligible to the 222 class for next season.

Sussex N. B. has its largest crowd and most popular program of the season Thanksgiving afternoon. In addition to the races light and heavy hauling matches added to the interest. The No. 1 Classified was a straight winner for Tryon, owned and driven by Harry Cormier of Moncton. The time 2:19, and Mr. Cormier's Ma Cherie won the first heat of the No. 2 Classified, losing the next one to Alpine Hanover, owned and driven by William Clark, Fredericton. Time of the race Saturday. The 51-foot span with the Free For All which held the most interest for the large crowd, Lock Haven, owned by Bart Yerxa and driven by Frankie Carr, was a straight heat winner and best money earner. He was a bang-up second each heat with All American, driven by Tyndall Semple, 4-3-3. Lew McKinney (Clark) 3-4-4, and Doc B. Grattan (Jardine) 5-3-dr. Time, 2:12 1-5, 2:10 2-5, 2:11.

A new type of starting gate was used for the first time over the Sussex track. The inventor and engineer was Bob Weather, who has named it "The All-Weather Starting Gate", and claims it is the only gate of its type in North America. It was erected at the track under the supervision of Mr. Weatherly the previous Saturday. The 51-foot span crosses the track to rest on runways and is equipped with eight starting gates. When the horses line up behind it, at the three-eighths pole the entire span moves down the track at a speed of 30 miles an hour. Prior to reaching the starting line the gates behind which the horses are trotting or pacing open and raise into the air, giving every horse an equal chance. The gate was first used in Woodstock and has been acclaimed by many expert horsemen, some of whom are reported to have come down from Roosevelt Raceway, to see it.

The pacing mare Lily Belle that was second in the No. 1 Classified at Montague, August 3rd, has been sold by E. Buell, Village Green, to Chester Pratt, St. Peters, Chester is an old hand with horses. We remember years ago when he purchased Jessica the Great, conditioned her through the winter and sold her to the writer a wonderfully improved pacer. That fall she took a record of 2:14 in a winning race at Halifax. It happened that we knew the peculiarities of Alworthy, that our friend Willard Kelly was driving, so she sucked in behind him and midway through the stretch pulled through near the wire, winning the heat by a close margin. Alworthy had a habit of bearing out on the home stretch.

There are quite a number of promising colts in and around St. Peters and owners expect to give them training over the ice this winter and also over the track next spring and summer if the

services of a competent trainer can be obtained. The proprietors of the St. Peters Raceway, greatly encouraged by their opening meet are planning many improvements to the track such as building up the turns, adding more stalls and making it more attractive in every way for horsemen and spectators.

We have had several requests to publish the summaries of first and second horses in races at Goodwill meet September 14th when a remarkable average time was made, and its comparison with the August 20th meet over the same track in 1936. Here they are—August 20th, 1936... 2:24 Pace, Second Division: Josie the Great (Conroy) 2-1-1, Bud Cope (Callbeck) 1-2-2, time, 2:12 1/4, 2:15 1/4, 2:13 1/4. The winner was owned by Simpson & Bickerton, Amherst, N. S. 2:15 Trot and Pace: Flucky Scott (T. Semple) 1-1-3, Star G. (Cummings) 4-3-1, time, 2:08 1/4, 2:08 1/4, 2:10 1/4. The winner was owned by Dr. R. F. Seaman, Charlottetown. Free For All Pace: Bud Wenger (Avon) 1-1-1, Calumet Sudlong (Hood) 2-2-2, time 2:05 1/4, 2:05 1/4, 2:06 1/4. The winner was owned by T. V. Holdaway, Houlton, Maine. The average time of the nine heats was 2:09 1/4.

Goodwill meet September 14th, 1940... 2:25-2:27 Pace: Mayme Axworthy (W. Lewis) 1-3, Tiny Budlong (T. Weir) 4-1, time, 2:12, 2:12 1/4, 2:15. Winners are owned by Mrs. Dorothy Fowler, Sackville, N. B., and Linus Mulligan, Kinkora, Juniper Free For All: Worthy Ermine (Moreside) 1-1-dr, Filbert (W. Lewis) 4-2-1, time, 2:09 2-5, 2:10. Winners are owned by Myron Bell, Charlottetown, and P. J. Cadogan, Glace Bay, N. S. 2:17-2:20 Pace, First Division: Billy McVay (Craig) 2-1, Jessie Direct 2nd (E. Semple) 1-4, time, 2:08 4-5, 2:11 2-5. Winners are owned by Dr. Tompkins Hooper, Charlottetown, and Earle Semple, Kensington. 2:17-2:20 Pace, Second Division: Quick Lick (O'Meara) 1-1, Single Streak (Conroy) 3-2, time, 2:10 3-5, 2:11 2-3. The winner is owned by John McLean, Souris. Average time of the nine heats 2:10 4-5.

We are delighted to have this letter from an old horseman friend of ours, Jerry Gillespie, Parrsboro, N.S.—"Had a friendly call from your genial friend James Read of Truro. He certainly is a lover of a good horse and a good driver also. I was more than pleased to see where you were successful with the Baron and Babe Britton. Give the Baron a good winter and I think he will be a good trotter for your next year. I remember New Brunswick Provincial (Hills), in the final round of the Maritime Intermediate baseball championship for 1940.

"I happened to be at the race in Amherst, I believe it was in 1931, when Billy Cope led to the half in 1:03—mighty fast time—Lucky Lindy won the race and Marjorie M. broke badly in the Jersey Heat. Johnny Miller had a very good race, but I don't remember where and the Yank, that broke the world's record on ice at Mount Clements.

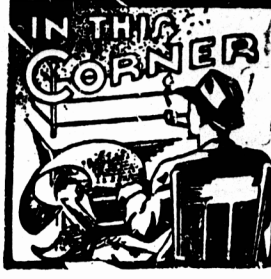
"Around about 1930 Billy McManus pulled the same stunt with the trotter Johnny Miles on the Amherst track as George Lewis pulled at Truro this year with Jerry Lee Volo. Johnny Miles was leading when his rein broke. Billy climbed up on his back, caught the other rein and piloted Johnny in to win the heat. Billy McManus had another great trotter in Neilsen, who was a surprise winner at Charlottetown, you will remember, and was the dam of Hillside Scott, still racing up in Maine. He also owned and marked Maud Axworthy in 2:16 1/4. Billy has got along pretty well in years but was very active the last time I saw him. A good horse will keep a man young. Later on I will write you and give you all the dope on the Cumberland County horses. Remember me to George Hooper and other horse-loving friends... Thanks, Jerry, we will be looking forward to hearing from you.

Frank "Buck" O'Neill, publicity man for Roosevelt Raceway, has sized up a trainer's difficulty pretty well in the following—"A trainer who had spent a lot of time and patient, intelligent effort in bringing a horse along to racing form, had complete frustration thrust upon him the other night when the cayuse went into a break almost at the start of a race, and this eliminated himself from all competition. A few mornings later the same horse made clockers' eyes pop with a mile that was a city block. 'What's the answer?' we asked the driver. 'Race excitement,' he replied. 'This horse gets out there with the others around him, the noises that are

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Intermediate Baseball Title To Be Decided At S'side This Week-end

Presentation Of Prizes At Golf Club Today

The Charlottetown Golf Club will hold their official closing ceremonies and presentation of prizes to their Belvedere course clubhouse this afternoon at four o'clock, it was announced last night.

Smythe Gives Observations On N.H.L. Clubs

TORONTO, Oct. 14 (CP)—Connat Smythe thinks his Toronto Maple Leafs are a solid playoff club but he isn't saying how they'll make out in the National Hockey League's 76-game schedule.

Dodgers Unload Two Outfielders

(By The Associated Press) BROOKLYN, Oct. 14—Continuing to unload their second-rate players at the rate of two a day, Brooklyn Dodgers today announced the sale of Marvin Rakley to Cincinnati Reds and Dick Whitman to Philadelphia Phils.

Sport Snapshots

By Trevor Ieston Canadian Press Staff Writer TORONTO, Oct. 14 (CP)—Boxing's responsibility for men killed in the ring, a subject that periodically engrosses sports fans, is in the air again.

Remembers Legion Poppy Sale Time

Not so many people remember that Joey MacDonald, owner of the Roll-A-Way Alleys, was a pretty fair baseball pitcher in his younger days. Joey is still in there pitching, doing his best to help out almost every good cause that comes along.

Too Late To Classify

FOR SALE—NEW COCKSHUTT tractor and pump; 1 used Cockshutt tractor; 1 Massey Harris tractor, fully equipped, used three months, \$650; 1 Cockshutt 2-furrow (Judy Bottoms) tractor plow, \$110; three used gas plows, \$20 to \$50; number good work horses, \$50 to \$100; 1 cheap driving horse, 2 large Ayrshire cows, registered, very highly bred for production, one freshened July, one to freshen November; 2 grade cows to freshen November; 2 Holstein cows to freshen in winter, \$125 each. Walter S. Weeks.

HUNTERS' CORNER

This Saturday morning October 15th two additional species of upland game birds, Ruffed Grouse (Native Partridge) and Ring-necked Pheasants will become legal game in this Province and the season on them will continue until October 31st. The daily bag limit on Ruffed Grouse is three (3) per day. The bag limit on pheasants is five (5) cock birds per season. Hen pheasants are protected. If one wishes to hunt pheasants, he must have the season's limit of five may be taken in one day. I don't think that anyone need worry over having their pheasant hunting season end in such short order.

Many gunners of my acquaintance would settle for one and feel satisfied. The longer hunting season should give everyone a chance to find out what a Cock pheasant tastes like. They're white meat and the cutting is much deeper. I have talked to some who have been lucky in bagging a pheasant and they have expressed complete approval of the tastiness and flavour of the meat when dished up on a platter. I have met others who were disappointed in the extreme, insisting that the meat was dry, stringy and tasteless.

Both could have been right. A young Cock would be as tender as chicken albeit with a somewhat gamier flavour. Many prefer the tangier flavour of game birds over the domestic variety. If one happens to bag an old timer with spurs an inch and a half long he prepared for platter trouble unless the bird is steamed for a time before being browned in the oven. Many housewife who wouldn't think of trying to roast an old rooster would place an old cock pheasant in the roasting pan and expect the result to equal young chicken.

Pheasants are quite plentiful this season. This columnist has contacted numerous covets since the Hun season opened. A few evenings ago I checked two visiting U. S. sportsmen. Both were here last season and commented on the tremendous increase in the number of pheasants. Last year they spotted approximately a pheasant per day during their hunting sojourn in the province. This season they state it is nothing unusual to flush five or six in a single day's hunting.

Incidentally those gentlemen passed on information that leads me to believe that we have a few covets of Sharp-shinned Grouse (so called Prairie Chicken) present in the province. They stated that they were familiar with Sharp-shinned Grouse in the western United States. There were seven or eight in the flock and were described as being as large as hens but lighter in colour than our Ruffed Grouse and made a clucking noise as they took wing. They flew into a small patch of woods and one of them alighted on a tree. That's welcome news but before definitely stating that we have Sharp-shinned Grouse in the province, one has to be a sort of doubting Thomas in this game business.

A few weeks ago I received a report that leads me to believe we have a covey of this same species of upland game bird in southern Kings County. The first mentioned flock were spotted in Queens. Chukker partridge have also been flushed by hunters after being hunted in the province. In some sections Chukkers are quite numerous. One covey of 22 have been started on a number of occasions in a district across the river and they are reported to be gaining a strong foothold in Western Prince County.

Wildgeese have reached the province in considerable numbers. On Wednesday evening I observed a flock of close to 50 swinging over an inland area evidently on the lookout for a likely stubble field. On another occasion a flock of 28 or thereabouts passed within long gunshot range as they left a fresh water lake. It was a thrilling moment as the big birds passed by with measured wingbeat and their

Local Hockey Prospects Discussed At Meeting

Many enthusiastic hopes were expressed in seeing the revival of the good old days of hockey here between the Charlottetown Abegweits, Charlottetown Victorias and Summerside Crystals, at a preliminary hockey meeting held at the Travel Bureau last night, when local hockey representatives met to discuss the possibilities of hockey in the Charlottetown area for the coming season.

The meeting was called by the Director of Physical Fitness, Brigadier W.W. Reid, to point out the policy of the Department and to hear and discuss the various views of representatives who are interested in promoting hockey in the City.

Representatives attending the meeting were Messrs. Byron Brown, and W. G. Gillespie of the Victoria A.A.C., W.E. Scantlebury of the Abegweit Club, A.J. McAdam of Saint Dunstan's University, Walter Lawlor, vice-president of the M.A. E.A. and Arthur Perry of the Department of Physical Fitness.

Dr. Ira J. Ye, President of the Charlottetown Forum, who was invited to the meeting, sent a letter of regret that he would be unable to attend but assured the meeting that he would be glad to discuss any plan decided upon and would co-operate in every way possible for the betterment of hockey in general. Professor Gordon Bennett of Prince of Wales College, was also unable to attend, due to a previous engagement on the Mainland.

Brigadier Reid opened the meeting by announcing that the Department of Physical Fitness will do all possible to promote and declare Island Champions in all the age groups as laid down by the Maritime Amateur Hockey Association. These groups include paperweight, pee-wee, bantam, middle, juvenile, junior, intermediate "B" and intermediate "A". Championships will also be declared in intercollegiate boys and girls groups.

After hearing the policies of the Department, the representatives of the Charlottetown area groups appeared to be in full accord, and it is expected that further plans will be made in the near future.

Half of the meeting expressed their disfavor towards any further participation in a Central "B" League with the Mainland, and all agreed that they would like to see an Island Intermediate "A" League formed instead. Both the Abegweits and Vics representatives expressed their desire of sponsoring teams in such a league, and the hopes that possibly both winners in the Intermediate bracket would play off for an Island title to represent the Province in Maritime competition.

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Maritime Senior Hockey League Opens Tonight

By RUBEN CIPIN HALIFAX, Oct. 14 (CP)—The Maritime Senior Hockey League swings into action tomorrow night with all four teams in the inaugural of the league's longest schedule and earliest opening date.

Halifax St. Mary's last season's Cinderella champions, open their title defence at home against Amherst Ramblers, a new entry replacing the defunct Dartmouth Arrows. Saint John Beavers, scheduled to open on quality, appear to be Moncton Hawks, who finished in a second-place tie with Arrows.

Each team plays 72 games, 36 away and 36 home, during the 144-game schedule, which runs 18 weeks until Feb. 18. It will be four games every week, two home and two away, for each club.

From the pre-season workout the league looks to be the strongest in three years though Ramblers, shy on quality, appear to be a weak sister. For the last two years the league winner has failed in the Maritime final against the powerful Cape Breton League champion and league officer hopes to upset the C.B.L.L.'s Allan Cup plans.

Beavers, Hawks and St. Mary's all are banking heavily on hold-overs. The few newcomers are supposed to play their first season. Businessmen that were vital last year. Some players have shifted clubs and the change of scenery may do them good.

Fredrick Hoefel, three-year fight between St. Mary's, Beavers and Hawks with the eventual winner a toss-up. The first three teams automatically make the playoffs and the last-place Philadelphia Perks of the no more than nine points back of the third-place club.

From the coaching standpoint, Hawks are the only team of last year's regulars with a new season. With Beavers, may turn up with Amherst. Jack Donlevy, Montreal junior sensation who joined St. Mary's in mid-season and played brilliantly, is back again.

Y. M. C. A. MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

OPENS MONDAY, OCTOBER 17th

WHY NOT CALL AT THE Y. M. C. A. FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD? CLASSES ARE NOW FORMING