



DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

Les Bickerton and partner A.A. Barker, proprietors of the Amherst Driving Park, Amherst, N.S., are sponsoring the following stakes—Wednesday, Aug. 4: No. 1 Stake (for 30 class horses) estimated value \$1,000; No. 2 Stake (for 27 class horses) estimated value \$600; No. 3 Stake (for 24 class horses) estimated value \$600. Also eligible-horses that did not win a heat or dash in 216 or better in 1947. Thursday, Aug. 5: No. 4 Stake (for three-year-old trotters and pacers Maritime owned) estimated value \$1,000; No. 5 Stake (for 218 class horses) estimated value \$600; Free-for-All Stake, estimated value \$600. Nominations close April 15th and entries for No. 1 Stake must have residence in Maritimes six months previous to the day on which the Stake is raced. The management will add to each of these Stakes \$200.

Peter T. Power, Mount Edward Road, has sold a beautiful chestnut two-year-old by Squire Hanover, dam by Calumet Budlong, to Alfred Lowery, Montague. Keep your eye on this one as Alfred has a reputation for picking futurity winners.

These are hectic times, principalities and nations flourish and fade very quickly and upsets in horse racing naturally follow the trend of the times. Last week we gave prominence to the victory of the 16-year-old Peter Pin in the Newfoundland championship trot at St. John's the previous Wednesday afternoon, where he headed Peter McKinney 2:06 1/2 and the recent import, Lee McKillop 2:09. Fresh from victory in the Inter-Provincial Championships at Charlottetown. It was a big upset and the owners of Lee McKillop telegraphed for help to Well McNeill who had sold Lee McKillop to them. Well got in touch with Angie Allen, Halifax, who had driven Lee McKillop to victory here, and Angie made a quick trip by plane to Newfoundland and the next afternoon a laconic message—which compared favorably with Caesar's "I came, I saw, I conquered"—arrived by wire to Well. It was: "Lee McKillop, one, one, one. Easy, Angie."

Last Monday June Morning 2:10-4-5 and owner George MacDonald, Mermaid, left for Woodstock, N.B., where June has been sold to J.H. Dewitt, prominent horseman. Last season she made eight starts, won at Vernon and Covehead, taking her record in the latter race. She also won a heat at Montague. June is eligible to the 225 class and is very highly considered by horsemen here. It is possible that the stallion Hero Mine, by Voltima, may figure in the above deal and become George's property.

Dr. Dave MacKenzie, famous specialist who summers here, writes from Azusa, California, March 28th: "Just returned from a nice visit to Santa Anita. Saw Joe O'Brien. Mr. Palm and he are very busy with eighteen horses. Joe was awfully glad to see me. Lovely weather. Hope some of our Island horsemen will be here for this races. We leave April 20th for Montreal."

Our congratulations to President M. J. Kennedy and his Directors for the success of their 1947 Old Home Week and Good Will races, also their night races, and the many improvements they made in the grounds including the introduction of the electric lights and starting gate for night racing. We also offer our congratulations to new Director Frank Acorn, who gave them considerable assistance last year. Plans are under way to start night racing in June and to continue every Saturday night through the summer. Old Home Week will be August 10-13, and Goodwill races September 8-9.

One of the busiest, if not the busiest, racing performers in the U.S. or Canada last season was Nancy Budlong by Calumet Budlong, formerly owned by Leo Fraught, Cherry Valley. She took part in 28 races—not dashes—mostly in Ontario, had winning brackets in ten of them and reduced her record to 2:11 4-5.

M. L. Wright, Perth, N.B., claims to have the top ice pacer in New Brunswick and says his Prince Direct, Jr., started five times in Maine and other horses had to go quarter miles in 29 seconds to beat

him. He would like to meet some of the Gagetown pacers and compare Prince's speed with theirs.

Lloyd O'Brien, who has been with the Department of Education (vocational training) expects to leave April 15th for New Glasgow, N.S., where he will open a training stable. It will include Sonny B. and Senator Charles, owned by Dr. J.A. Donahoe, Thuro; The Baron 2:11, owned by William MacLeod, Yarmouth; Mack Flango 2:15, p. 213, owned by John G. Ferguson, Oxford, N.S., and two or three others.

As Lloyd has only been taking a very small part in racing the past few years due to military services, etc., his achievements in the past may have been somewhat forgotten so we will give a brief review of some of the horses he raced with great success. Winnie Hinkle was a pacer that in Lloyd's hands developed into a good money winner and took a record of 2:13 1/2; Winnipeg Boy, a rather erratic horse was marked in 2:19; Silver Doctor won several events and was given a record of 2:14. Who will forget the doings of Soviet that had the advantage of one of our best Maritime trainers but had never been a winner until Lloyd took him in hand and gave him a record of 2:12. Then there was Nita Volo 2:16, that Lloyd drove to a Maritime two-year-old pacer record of 2:23 1/2; Dude Potemkin 2:07 1/2, with Lloyd up won the Free For All at Kensington and Halifax, heading such topnotchers as Squire Hanover, John Dean, John Evans, etc., and she also set up the track trotting record at Alberton—2:09 1/2.

Perhaps one of the best examples of his training ability was the pacer Major Bowes that he won with at Halifax and North Sydney, where he paced in 2:13 1/2. He improved his gait and manners so much that the next season he won at Kensington and Charlottetown, and turned over to Joe in August, 1940, was the largest money winner of the year. With Margaret Jean 2:10 he won the Two Year Old Futurity trotting division and won a heat and second money in the Three Year Old Futurity on the pace. None of our race fans will forget what he did with Lucky Pal last year. Totally green and altogether over-looked, Lucky Pal won and took a trotting record of 2:16 with very little handling and was sold for a long price. He also gave the pacer Quick Luck a record of 2:15 last season.

It is only possible in this short space to name a few of the horses he has handled but we cannot omit without mentioning Aylmer Worth, a difficult horse to balance, that Lloyd made a consistent winner and gave a record of 2:15 on the trot. Lloyd has a gentlemanly and friendly disposition and repeatedly horsemen have told us of how many times he went out of his way to assist in shoeing or balancing a horse by giving a helping hand. We predict that given the racing material he will be one of the top drivers of the Maritimes this season.

Maritimers who opened their April Hoop Beats were mighty pleased to note on page 16 a splendid picture of Johnny Conroy in his racing togs, and a nice write up of him by Jerry Shively, who was a visitor to Truro, N.S., during the annual meeting of District 11 in March. Jerry looked over Joseadelle Clipper 2:08 1/2, owned by Dr. F.C. Dougan, Charlottetown; Sandy D. 2:09, owned by W.H.S. Alingham, Gagetown, N.B., and Quaker's Boy 2:14 3-5, owned by George Kuhn, Dartmouth, N.S. and found them in grand condition, as I would expect, knowing Johnny so well. Just here I would like to say I always considered Johnny has the "magic touch," and I will never forget when Miss Aylmer, that I had bought sight unseen after being raced through the Toronto and Montreal ice circuits arrived. She was a bag of bones and we covered her up and would not show her to anyone, but in a couple of months she was one of the prettiest things you could lay your eyes on. Johnny and I started out in partnership in 1912 and continued until I went overseas, Johnny following shortly after.

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Fans will get their last look at hockey for the season tonight when local hockeyists who have been performing outside the Province and bolstered by a defence pair and goalie stack up against the cream of City League talent in an exhibition encounter that is expected to draw a large crowd to witness the last chapter of this year's hockey story unfold.

Plans for the game which were first mooted Thursday were finalized last night and stars of the ice lane such as Buck Whitlock, Buck Trainer, Moushey Dowling, Alie Carver, Wallie Shepherd, Cec Dowling, Nick Nicolle and Cliff Jackson will go against former teammates. It will be mighty interesting to see just how the performance will turn out but although there will be no titles at stake the tilt should be hard-fought as the players seek to uphold the prestige of the various leagues in which they starred.

The former City League stars will likely enter the game as slight favorites to come through with too honors but it won't be easy by any means. Dotted throughout the four teams of the City League is a lot of hockey talent and when banded together should form a formidable squad. The game will prove a fitting ending for the season and Manager Charlie Archer last night definitely stated that tonight's performance would be the last of the season.

Early Monday the work of breaking up the ice and laying the floor boards will get underway in preparation for a busy spring and summer season. First of the events will be the holding of the Fun Parade and it is likely that throughout the summer and early fall months boxing will hold sway with the manager expecting to line up even better boxing bouts than was the case last summer.

Midget Abbes today are proud holders of the Maritime Midget hockey title and congratulations of the highest order are coming to Coach Paul Williams and his gallant crew of youngsters who went out of the Province to prove their worth in a sudden death game with Glace Bay Midgets. It was the only three Province title to come to the Province this season and when they captured it Abbes proved the faith that backers had put in them was not misplaced.

Ever since the start of the season the Abbes have continued to show great improvement and came down to their big tests right at the peak of their form. In victory they caught the fancy of Glace Bay writers who stated that they showed skill unusual in midgets and that just about tells the story of their success.

And so once again the name Abbes is emblazoned at the top of a Maritime hockey division. Who knows but it will be the start of a gradual creeping up to the top in senior circles. It can certainly occur for if players like performed with the newly crowned champions can be kept together it will only be a matter of a few seasons when a senior squad will be knocking at the portals leading to the senior crown. Again we say well done Abbes, and to coach Paul Williams an extra "well done" for the smart coaching job he has come through with.

Basketball fans are also in for a treat tonight when girls and boys teams from Moncton C.Y.O. take on Prince of Wales girls and intermediate Abbes in two exhibition fixtures at the Prince of Wales College Auditorium. Both contests should produce plenty of smart, fast basketball with the Island teams fully expected to give their highly rated visitors plenty of competition in both fixtures.

Opening game which will see the P.W.C. girls go against the C.Y.O. team is set for eight o'clock with boys intermediate tussle expected to get underway in the vicinity of nine o'clock. Judging by the interest among followers of the game a season's record crowd is expected to sit in on the double bill.

Toronto Maple Leafs and Boston Bruins tangle at Toronto tonight in the fifth game of the Stanley Cup semi-finals and for the Bruins it will be another do-or-die attempt to stay in the running. Their spirit carried them through the fourth game Thursday night when they avoided the ignominy of being shunted aside in four straight games but whether they can hold off the Toronto team on home ice tonight is another question. Even if they do they are still faced with the necessity of winning two more in a row and judging by the manner in which the Leafs have been travelling this

## Durocher Facing Tough Job With The Brooklyn Dodgers

By JACK HAND  
VERO BEACH, Fla., April 2 — (AP) — Brooklyn has a young, hustling ball club, without teal home run power, that should help manager Leo Durocher wiggle off the baseball hot seat. They're at least as good as they were a year ago.

Leo, back from a year in Commissioner A.B. Chandler's dog house, must know he has to win. After Burt Shotton's success in 1947, Dodger fans expect nothing less than a pennant. Second place will not do, especially after the sale of Dixie Walker and Eddie Stanky.

This Dodger team, bronzed by a month in the Dominican Republic, is far from set as it paces here on route home via Texas. But it flashes enough speed to run better-skeller past most of the National League. Given a break in pitching from youngsters with a real chance, they can do it again. You can expect the typical Durocher box score with 20 or 21 Dodgers in every game.

Not until April 10 when the "B" squad rejoins the varsity will the Brooklyn ball club play as a unit. Injuries to key men have kept them apart. But that's nothing to become alarmed about. The Dodgers usually advance a couple of regulars from Montreal Royals on the eve of opening day.

Right now the big question is first base. Ray Sanders, acquired from Boston Braves on a conditional basis in the Eddie Stanky deal, has not played yet.

If Sanders shows complete recovery from a series of operations on his arm, he will play the bag. Jackie Robinson, brought up last year from Montreal Royals, stays on first until Sanders is ready and Pete Reiser has been learning the trade under George Sisler in case of an emergency. If Sanders makes it, Robinson probably will go to second base, displacing Eddie Miksis.

Rickey and Durocher are high on Robinson as a second baseman. "We won the pennant with the best second baseman in baseball playing at first base," said Rickey. Pee Wee Reese, of course, is shortsput with Billy Cox at third. Arky Vaughan, making a fine comeback, probably will open in left field. Carl Furillo in centre and Dick Whitman, a .327 hitter at Montreal, in right appear to be the outfield.

## Six Buffalo Bisons Players Are Charged

NEW HAVEN, Conn., April 2 — (AP) — Defenceman Wilfred Fields of Buffalo Bisons of the American Hockey League, identified by League president Maurice Podoloff as the player who struck and seriously injured a counterman in a restaurant fight here early Wednesday morning, returned here today and surrendered to police.

Fields, who said he struck Wallace Holland only in self-defence, was charged, as previously had been five other members of the team, with breach of the peace. He posted bail of \$2,500 for appearance in city court tomorrow. The other five were arrested on the scene.

Fields, who hails from Winnipeg, reached here this morning after an overnight train trip from Buffalo. He went immediately to Podoloff's office and both men then went to detective headquarters where Fields was served with the warrant.

Hospital officials reported today that Holland's condition continued "fair."

"I sure hope that fellow is all right," Fields told newspaper men. "It's too bad this thing had to happen. But he hit me and I hit him back."

## SET UP LAND BANK

DAR ES SALAAM, Tanganyika — (CP) — Tanganyika is to set up a general land and agricultural bank similar to that in Kenya. Uganda is considering a similar move.

is going to be more than a man sized job and one that is very unlikely for the Bruins to perform.

Sunday night in New York the Rangers will be trying to even up their series with Detroit Red Wings. If the playoff "linx" that the New Yorkers seem to hold over Detroit on the latter ice again holds good the series will be decided on Detroit ice Tuesday night. But the way the series have been shaping up the two pre-season favorites, Maple Leafs and Toronto should meet in the finals — and they should be plenty tough.

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## Boston Defenceman Suffers Broken Nose

(By The Associated Press)  
BOSTON, April 2 — Defenceman Murray Henderson of Boston Bruins who suffered a broken nose in a hockey clash Tuesday night was operated upon today and later reported in "good shape" by the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Dr. Vincent J. Kelley said he did not know how long Henderson would be in hospital.

## P.W.C. Wildcats, Freetown Royals In 6-All Tie

A goal from the stick of W. Hogg with less than two minutes of play remaining, enabled Freetown Royals to earn a draw with P. W. C. Wildcats on Thursday night at Bedouk rink. It was the second exhibition between these two clubs. The first game ended in a draw also. Despite ice conditions both teams displayed a fast, steady game.

Tempers flared in the second period which for a while looked like a free-for-all, but order was finally restored. The first period ended with the locals trailing a 3-2 lead. The second canto saw both teams score twice and the period ended with the Wildcats again on the short end of a 5-4 score.

The final session saw both goals perform sensationally as both teams raced back and forth with the College squad having a definite edge, outscoring the Freetown Club 2 to 1. Leading the pack of goal getters was Hogg who netted four of this team's goals. The big Freetown forward who patrolled the right wing is reported to have one of the hardest shots in the District League.

Other goal getters for the western team were Hill and Stavert. For the locals, McLean and Duffy shot a brace of goals apiece with singles going to Murphy and Dingwell. Following the game a very delicious lunch was served the college club and fans who accompanied the team, at the home of Mr. Jim Clarke, North Bedouk.

Trout fishermen are looking to their tackle and wondering where they will secure the necessary Garden Hackles. The 16th of April, the opening date, will be here in thirteen days. Whether the number 18 will prove unlucky for the trout or the fishermen remains to be seen. The way the water is soaking into the ground no heavy spring freshet is anticipated unless aggravated by heavy rains on the days immediately preceding the opening date. A check on some trout brooks last week showed that they were running far short of flood capacity.

On Tuesday of this week I accompanied a fishery patrol to Winter River. This area has long been noted for winter netting of trout and this season was no exception. I watched the Fishery Officers confiscate six nets, that had been found set under the ice. Several of those nets were 15 or 20 feet long and of a mesh capable of taking trout up to 5 pounds in weight.

It was evident that the nets had been pulled a few hours previously and nothing was found in them except a few silver perch and tom cod. So long as there is a ready market for trout in the city, and other urban centers, during the winter months this practice is bound to continue. Exponents of angling with bait and fly must bear their share of the burden toward stopping this practice and not leave it all to the enforcement officers. It is alleged that many

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## Hockey Clash At The Forum Tonight Will See Many Stars In Action

### Allan, Memorial Cup Schedule

"Imports" and "Exports", two mighty smart looking hockey squads, will close out the season at the Forum tonight when they tangle in an exhibition game that already has created a lot of interest despite the fact of it not becoming a reality until yesterday.

Imports, featuring a local defence and goalie, will be augmented by the appearance as an attacking trio of Buck Whitlock, Buck Trainer and Moushey Dowling to tangle with Higgs, Jay and Perry while the Exports, with four Saint Dunstan's stars and Carter, Shepherd and Dowling of the Northside Victorias in the Cape Breton Hockey League, and Keith Carmichael and Jordan will provide plenty of opposition to their opponents.

Stars of former City League teams together with the present day stars are all in the above line-ups and on paper at least the game should turn into a hard-fought, rugged tussle. There is all kinds of expert opinion when it comes to team's ranks and when they turn it on full speed fans should witness just about as good a tilt as has been played over the big ice season since last December.

Tonight is definitely the last act of the season. Other attractions will be occupying the Forum space for the next six months and fans if they are desirous of witnessing one more exciting game of hockey shouldn't fail to attend this one. Its possibilities are unlimited.

The game will get underway at 9:30 sharp. In this way shoppers and store clerks will have ample time to get in on every bit of the action that is promised and there is plenty promised when the squads face each other.

Following are the lineups:  
IMPORTS: Goal, Ward; defence, POUND, McDonald, Dalziel; forwards, Trainer, Whitlock, Dowling, Higgs, Jay, Perry, Brown, S. Carver, Andrew.

EXPORTS: Goal, Jordan; defence, McAdam, Hennessey, Carmichael; forwards, A. Carver, Shepherd, Dowling, Mahar, Houde, Beer, Strain, Kelly, McGregor.

### Big Day For Irish Sweepstakes Winner

(By The Canadian Press)  
TORONTO, April 2 — Yesterday was a big day for Alfons Zaborski, Canada's only \$100,000 winner in the recent Irish Sweepstakes. It was his fifth wedding anniversary and he became a Canadian citizen.

REMEMBER WHEN

By The Canadian Press

All previous overtime records broken 15 years ago tonight when Toronto Maple Leafs and Boston Bruins clashed at Toronto to decide the National Hockey League title. Ken Doraty banged in the only goal after 164 minutes, 46 seconds of play to give Toronto the title. In the 1936 playoffs Montreal Maroons and Detroit Red Wings battled for 176 minutes, 30 seconds before Detroit the only goal of the game.

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