

DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

The many friends of Jim Pendergast, Kensington, will be glad to learn that he arrived home early this week from hospital in Monston where he was treated for a very serious injury to his hip. At the station were a large number of the friends to give greeting to one of the most popular men in the Province and one who is always ready to lend a helping hand or say a kind word to anyone who needs it. It will be some time before Jim can get around but he can be sure that from one end of the Province to the other good wishes and kind things will be said of him.

By the way, on my recent trip to the U. S. T. A. meeting at Chicago I dropped down to Dayton, Ohio, to see my son Morris who had just arrived back from a flight to Germany. He mentioned that on one of his trips down the western coast of the U. S. A., while walking along the streets of Seattle, Washington, he saw what looked to be a Prince Edward Islander, although he was in police officer's uniform. He took a chance and asked if he was an Islander and he said, yes. His name was Pendergast and Morris said, I thought so, you must be a brother of "Big Jim's"—and so he was.

George MacDonald writes from Boston that H. B. "Hance" Ralston passed away there on the 24th of March. He had reached the wonderful age of eighty-four years and enjoyed good health almost up until the last. Mr. Ralston had been a familiar figure with harness horses all his life and the last twenty-five years he has been a fixture at the Metropolitan Speedway, Boston, where he handled the horses of the late W. J. MacDonald, noted contractor, and others. Quite a number of the horses he trained and raced came to the Maritimes and they were always good mannered and reliable. His passing will be a severe blow to intimate friends like Dr. F. W. Christopher, Danie Steele, George MacDonald and many others.

Owners of good mares in the Maritime should breed them as there will surely be a big demand in the future for trotters and pacers because of the opening up of so many new tracks in the United States. Every owner of a brood mare should if possible have her registered in the United States Trotting Association, and as soon as possible have her progeny registered. The fact of being registered is a big talking point in making a sale. Buyers who have purchased here in the past write us that one of the principal difficulties they have is to get information on breeding from former owners. The United States Trotting Association address is—1249 East Broad Street, Columbus, 5, Ohio. By the way, don't forget to send for your eligibility certificate before May 1st and save money, and remember that you must be in possession of an eligibility certificate to

race a horse this year at any track—the rule is they cannot be applied for at the track.

The only 2:10 mile of the winter season that has been stepped in Florida goes to the credit of Chestertown 2:02 with Henry Thomas up. Harness horsemen are leaving Florida now to do their Spring training in other parts. Tom Berry goes to Lexington, Kentucky, this week, Fred Egan to Aiken, S. C., Harrison Hoyt will train Demon Hanover, 2:00 1-5, winner of last year's Hambletonian, at Freehold, N. J., Leon Toole, who has been training at Macon, Georgia, will bring Paul Bowser's string to Lexington. Herb Bond and Henry Clukey, well known Maine trainers, Chester Bishop, Ed Gray and John "Red" Hansford, are members of the training colony at Huntington, Delaware.

The fastest mile stepped by a trotter or pacer in 1949 was Mr. Morris Scott's 2:04 1-5 at Phoenix, Arizona, and it was also a new record for the son of Scotland, 1:59 1-2. One of the fastest quarters stepped by a two-year-old in Florida was Scotch Dean's 32 5/8. This youngster is trained by Fred Egan and is a son of Dean Hanover 1:58 1-2 and Emily Scott 2:04 1-4. The two-year-old's full mile was 2:21 2-5.

Full Bloom, 1:58 4-5, the fastest trotter developed in California in many years, was recently purchased by Clarence F. Gaines, proprietor of Gainesway Farm, Kentucky. She will be bred there to Volation 2:00 3-4 and later raced in the stable of A. L. Derby whose trainer is Frank Erwin. Full Bloom was a very notable mare that took many years and a great deal of patience to develop into a star. Her trainer was a 75-year-old man who probably succeeded because he had the qualities necessary to cope with her eccentricities.

The noted race mare Deanna 2:02 3-4, that was in the brood mare ranks at Hanover Shoe Farms the past couple of years, is being placed in training again this year with Cliff Thomas. Joe O'Brien has recently added to his stable the three-year-old trotter Randolph that was formerly in the stable of Del Miller. Last week he trained an easy mile in 2:26. Joe and his assistant Leslie Harrell also moved the other members of his stable along a bit. The two-year-old pacer Pan Dancer stepped a mile in 2:25 2-5 with the last quarter in 38 1-2 seconds. The \$11,500 Gene Abbe 2:03 4-5 paced in the same notch; Kohinor 2, 2:12 4-5 and Little Brown G, 2:06 2-5 paced in 2:21; the three-year-old Sweden trotted in 2:25 and the three-year-old Louanna Hanover in 2:26. All members of Joe's stable look well and are reported doing well. He has gone very carefully

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Despite the recent mild weather, outdoor rinks at many of the rural districts are still going strong and reports from various quarters indicate that the ice conditions are surprisingly good and hockey schedules and games are still being carried on.

Games are still being played at Montague, Victoria, Alberton and Bedouque and no doubt many others that this column hasn't heard about recently. Taking the Bedouque rink for instance, three hockey matches in bantam, paperweight and pee-wee Island title matches were played there last night. While talking to a Bedouque resident over the phone last evening concerning the first game of a best of five series in junior play held there on Thursday night, his reply to an enquiry as to whether he thought they would be able to get all their games in was "Oh, sure, we have lots of ice yet."

If the ice continues to hold out at its present rate, it looks like there will still be a few hockey games for fans to attend yet, in fact, who knows but some of the games might be preceded by a round of golf or tennis before taking in the game.

According to press reports, Jack Stewart, player of the Detroit Red Wings Hockey Club, filed a \$250,000 libel suit in the Wayne County Circuit Court yesterday against Andy O'Brien, a newspaper columnist from Montreal. Stewart charged that O'Brien, sports editor of the Montreal Standard, made false statements regarding the Detroit player's conduct in early games of the current Stanley-Cup series between the Red Wings and Montreal Canadiens. Informed of Stewart's suit, O'Brien was quoted Thursday night by the Detroit Free Press as saying, "I'll say this, the Detroit Club isn't a piker. It does things in a big way."

Previous to the filing of the suit by Stewart, the following comment was made by Jim (Toronto Globe and Mail) Coleman in his column concerning the same incident: "Up in Montreal, where emotions boil quickly, the Stanley Cup series between Les Canadiens and Detroit Red Wings is being played in the newspapers as well as on the ice. Apparently, one journal has quoted Frank Seike as charging that Jack Stewart, Detroit defenceman, deliberately injured Elmer Lach in last Tuesday's game at Detroit. The outraged Detroit management has threatened to sue Seike and the newspaper for libel."

"Nothing will come of it, of course, but the publicity will assure Stewart of being the target for the customary rubber footwear bombardment when he skates onto the ice at the Forum in the future. The marksmanship of the inflamed Montreal audiences never equals their enthusiasm."

"According to the press dispatches, a Montreal scribe wrote that Stewart must have received instructions from his management to put Lach out of commission."

"To any person who knows Stewart and Lach, such charges are ridiculous, but they sound very familiar. It is only two years ago that similar charges were being made after Lach had suffered a fractured skull when he was body-checked by Don Metz of the Toronto Maple Leafs. It was implied, then, that managerial whisperings had inspired Metz to sandbag Elmer."

HOOP GAME TONIGHT

The second and final game between the Charlottetown Recs hoopers and Ray's Millionaires in Island Physical Fitness Basketball League semi-final playoff competition will get underway at the P.W.C. auditorium at 7:30 tonight.

ALLAN CUP SCHEDULE

Allan Cup playoff games tonight (Saturday): Eastern Canada semi-final — at Toronto: Sydney Millionaires vs. Toronto Mariboros (second game in best-of-five series, first game tied).

MONTREAL ROYALS WIN

OTTAWA, April 1. (CP) — Montreal Royals, Quebec junior champions, tonight turned back Inkerman Rockets, Ottawa District Junior champs, 7-4 to chalk up their second straight victory in their best-of-five Eastern Canada semi-final series.

VICTORIA RINK

TONIGHT
NINE MILE CREEK BULLDOGS
Vs.
AUGUSTINE COVE BULLDOGS

Youthful Curling Quartet



Above is pictured a rink of Charlottetown teen-aged curlers who will journey to Summerside for the first Provincial High School competition. The rink left to right includes Doug Cameron, skip, Carl Reardon, mate, (not present while picture was taken), Frank Acorn Jr., 2nd, stone, George Dillon, sub lead, and John Squarebriggs Jr., lead.

Ch'town - S'side School Curlers To Play Today

The first provincial High School Curling Bonspiel will be held at Summerside today when a rink of teen-aged curlers from Charlottetown will meet a youthful quartet from Summerside. They will play a series of two matches.

Planning Gala Wind-Up To Local Curling

A gala wind-up to curling season activities is planned at the Charlottetown Curling Club for next week.

A "Matched Stone" Bonspiel is slated to get underway Tuesday when it is expected the club will be in receipt of 34 sets of new "rocks" from Scotland.

A moccasin dance will be held Tuesday night. Prizes to the value of \$150 are being donated which include 48 tins of lobster from J. E. Burden.

Reply To Hockey Challenge

We regret that we will be unable to play Summerside Legionaires for the North Shore Trophy as this trophy is not our property. But we are willing to meet this team for an exhibition game in the Kensington Rink when rink is available.

ELMER BERNARD, Manager.
Kensington, P.E.I.
March 31, 1949.

Gaboury Trophy Stays In Ch'town; Montague Wins MacArthur Cup

Rinks representing the Charlottetown Curling Club yesterday retained the Gaboury Trophy, but in night matches, lost the MacArthur Challenge Cup to Montague.

Total scores in the Gaboury play were: Charlottetown 48, Montague 38, and Summerside 34.

Montague rinks proved too good in their challenge for the MacArthur silverware when they won both matches from the Charlottetown rinks and took home the coveted cup by a total score of 28 against 18 run up by the defenders. Earlier in the day the Charlottetown rinks successfully defended the MacArthur Cup when they turned aside a Summerside challenge by a close score of 26 to 24.

Results follow:
Gaboury Trophy
A.W. Hyndman (c) 7, B. MacLean (m) 17
G.J. Hayes (s) 14, G. Gordon (m) 4
G. Hayes (s) 10, B. MacLean (m) 18
Dr. Giddings (c) 14, T.A. Campbell (s) 7
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A.W. Hyndman (c) 13, T.A. Campbell (s) 3
MacArthur Cup
J.S. MacDonald (c) 13, Fred MacRae (s) 12
W. Pickett (c) 13, M.M. Bell (s) 12
Dr. Johnston (m) 15, W. Pickett (c) 12
B. MacLean (m) 13, J.S. MacDonald (c) 6
Personnel of rinks competing yesterday follow:
Charlottetown:
A. MacInnis, lead, I. Turner, 2nd stone, Dr. Pierce, mate, Dr. Giddings, skip.
C.L. Jay, lead, G. Foster, 2nd stone, J.E. Burden, mate, W. Pickett, skip.
Frank Hobbs, lead, R.M. Jones, 2nd stone, R.E. Jenkins, mate, J.S. MacDonald, skip.
W. McLaine, lead, A. Howatt, 2nd stone, Judge McGuigan, mate, A.W. Hyndman, skip.
Summerside:
B. McWilliams, lead, H. Gaudet, 2nd stone, B. Jenkins, mate, G.J. Hayes, skip.
B. Smallman, lead, E. Etey, 2nd stone, L. Linkletter, mate, T.A. Campbell, skip.
A. Miller, lead, V. Howatt, 2nd stone, T.D. Morrison, mate, F. MacRae, skip.
L. Lewis, lead, C. Tanton, 2nd stone, A. Clarke, mate, M.M. Bell, skip.
Montague:
F. MacKenzie, lead, A. Sullivan, 2nd stone, Dr. L. Johnston, mate, F. McIntyre, skip.
J. A. Anear, lead, C.H. Kidd, 2nd stone, L.H. Foote, mate, Bruce MacLean, skip.
Judge Trainor, lead, H. Higginbotham, 2nd stone, L.B. White, mate, G. Gordon, skip.

Three Hockey Titles Decided Last Night

Charlottetown Abegweit hockey squads captured two of the three Island hockey championships to Summerside's one in a series of sudden-death matches held at Bedouque rink last night.

In the first match of the night the Summerside Kinsmen captured the Paperweight title by downing the Abegweits by the close score of 2-1, while in the second match the Pee-Wee Abegweits downed the Summerside Kinsmen 5-4 in another closely contested encounter. The second Island title was copped off by the Abegweits when they blanked out the Kinsmen by the lopsided score of 11-0 to take the crown in that division.

The first two games in particular were really well played, keenly contested struggles, with Bobby Watson of Summerside clinching the Paperweight decision for his squad when he broke the 1-1 deadlock by banging in the winning goal in the last 55 seconds of play.

In addition to the three matches, Mr. W. E. Sandilbury and some 10 members of his figure-skating troupe put on a splendid evening of fancy and graceful skating entertainment between periods, which drew great applause from a large and appreciative audience.

The two referees who took charge of all three hockey matches were Art Ferry and R. Bradshaw.

The following are the results:

First Period	
S'Side — Goal, G. Harris; defence, R. Delaney, S. Gay; forwards, L. Gay, B. Deighen, B. Watson, G. Deighen, D. Ross, D. Siliphant, Les Desroches.	1-0
Abegweits — Goal, B. Henry; defence, R. MacLeod, H. Phillips, D. Gallant, D. McCracken; forwards, A. McCabe, B. Reid, B. Lantz, J. Birt, M. Johnston, J. Kennedy.	2-1
Second Period	
Abegweits — Goal, R. White; defence, D. McLeod, M. Stevenson, T. Davies, W. Kennedy; forwards, W. Allen, P. Chandler, A. Tahweel.	1-0
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Third Period	
Abegweits — Goal, R. White; defence, D. McLeod, M. Stevenson, T. Davies, W. Kennedy; forwards, W. Allen, P. Chandler, A. Tahweel.	1-0
Abegweits — Goal, G. Harris; defence, R. Delaney, S. Gay; forwards, L. Gay, B. Deighen, B. Watson, G. Deighen, D. Ross, D. Siliphant, Les Desroches.	2-1
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Lourdes Midgets Win Maritime Championship

STELLARTON, N.S., April 1. (CP) — Lourdes Midgets captured the Maritime midget hockey crown here tonight as they blanked Summerside, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island champions, 6-0. It was the first time Lourdes had won both the Nova Scotia and Maritime titles.

Lourdes enjoyed a wide margin in play and but for the fine work of MacKay in the Summerside net the count might have gone into double figures.

The Pictou County club opened a three goal lead in the first period, added a brace in the middle

frame and finished the scoring with a single in the last frame. Frankie Dorrington was top scorer for Lourdes with 2 goals and 2 assists. Red Malcolm also lit the bulb twice.

Lineups:
Summerside — Goal, MacKay; defence, Darby, Dalton, Wedge, Elisquiere; forwards, McArthur, Richards, Gallant, Cahill, Grady, Richards, McDonald, G. Dalton, Schurman.

Lourdes — Goal, Day; defence, Rae, Lipton, Cummings, MacDonald; forwards, MacLean, Dallas, Billick, Malcolm, Dorrington, McLeod, added a brace in the middle

frame and finished the scoring with a single in the last frame. Frankie Dorrington was top scorer for Lourdes with 2 goals and 2 assists. Red Malcolm also lit the bulb twice.

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