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DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

The first two minute performer was the pacing stallion Star Pointer which in 1897 paced the Roadville, Mass., track in 1:59 1/4. There were no more until 1902 when Dan Patch took a record of 1:59 1/4. The first trotter to step into the two minute list was the California mare Lou Dillon, who trotted in 1:58 1/2 in 1903.

During the season of 1935 nine new additions were made to the two minute list, six pacers and three trotters. The pacer list consists of 45 pacers and 22 trotters who hold membership in the most exclusive club of harness horsemen.

Incidentally it may be mentioned that the 1935 season was the most prolific of all time in the production of new two minute performers, the nine new additions establishing a record for a single season. Of the nine one was the three-year-old Greyhound 2:00, four were four-year-olds, Tara 2:00, Calumet Evelyn 2:00, Laurel Hanover 1:59 1/4 and Calumet Evelyn 2:00, and four were aged horses, Cardinal Prince 1:59 1/4, J. E. Vanion 1:59 3/4, Dominion Gratian 2:00, The Guy 2:00, and for the first time in history we have a performer who appears twice in the list, the four-year-old filly Calumet Evelyn 1:59 1/4 as a pacer and 2:00 as a trotter.

Ragnar Thorgren of Malmö, Sweden, who spent the past summer and fall studying American horse training methods with Tommy Berry, has returned to Sweden taking with him Hollywood Dennis (3) 2:01 1/4, older of the Hambletonian Stake heat, record.

It is Mr. Thorgren's intention to open a public training stable upon his return home. He says the purses in Sweden range from \$600 to \$1,000 with a few larger stakes, the largest about \$2,500. The sport is popular with three tracks in operation. All are 1,000 metre tracks, about 200 yards over a half-mile. The race meetings run from March to late in November, races being held on Sunday with the exception of two or three meetings which run several days.

The tracks are at Stockholm, Sundsvall and Malmö and a new track is being built at Göteborg. The trotting sport is gaining ground in Sweden and it promises to become a great market for the American trotter.

Burnadette 2:12 1/4 is one of the most prolific dams or 2:10 pacers, and not only that but her get also race fast and over a long period of time. For instance Johnny Quirk 2:01 1/4 raced for fifteen years, Starve Rock 2:04 1/4 for fourteen years, King Hedgewood 2:14 1/2 twelve years, Freddy C. 2:07 1/2 ten years, Bud Pettigrew 2:09 1/2 five years, an average of eleven years racing for the five, and they make a total of 464 starts. It is the toughest family in race horse annals!

W. K. Kellogg some years ago endowed the Institute of Animal Husbandry at Pomona, California, with a fund of \$600,000 and the University of California provided the ranch for the breeding of registered Arabian horses.

Today experts are engaged in studying blood lines and matings with the object of producing the very finest types of Arabian horses. Our trotting history tells us that Imported Messenger, foundation sire of the American Standard Bred horse is a descendant of Darley Arabian, imported to England in 1706.

The early history of the Arabian horse is shrouded in the vale of antiquity. For many, many centuries horses have been raised on the Arabian desert and long ago their families spread into Asia and Europe, thence throughout the world. Most of the evidence points to their having come originally from the Libyan tribes of Africa and that by long and careful breeding a superior type of Arabian horses has been maintained for more than 3,500 years.

The pure desert-bred Arabian has always been noted for courage, intelligence and endurance. Accustomed to subsisting on scant water and forage, subjected to the burning heat of the desert, he is capable nevertheless of carrying heavy loads for great distances. Powerful and swift, raised almost as a member of the family by the desert tribes, he is invariably gentle, affectionate and tractable.

For these many qualities the Arabian has been prized and bred by breeders all over the world, but it has never been easy to obtain because the desert owners are not willing to part with their beloved stock.

In America the Arabian horse is just now coming into its own. The W. K. Kellogg Institute at Pomona is said to contain the most outstanding collection that has ever been brought to this country. A good portion of the herd has come from the Crabbet Stud in England, which

was founded by Lady Anne Blunt, mother of the present owner. Lady Blunt lived for more than thirty years in the Arabian desert where she established a stable of the choicest animals collected from the leading Bedouin breeders—later bringing them to England.

September 15th, 16th and 17th have been selected as the racing dates in connection with the Frederick Exhibition of 1936.

Bradren Custer 2:04 1/4, recently purchased by Billy Hood at Lewiston, Maine, for Mrs. Margaret Ballou, North Sydney, was raced last season in the ownership of E. P. Cray, Bellows Falls, Vermont, whose stable was one of the leading winners in the Eastern States.

At Essex Junction, Vermont, Bradren Custer paced three heats faster than 2:07 to win. At Rutland, Vermont, he won one heat. He also won at Brockton, pacing faster than 2:07 in each heat. Mr. Cray's stable was campaigned by three different drivers and it won forty-five races.

The many friends of Cliff MacDougall, New Glasgow, N.S., will regret to learn that his seven year old mare Queenie Victoria by Captain Aubrey out of Queenie B, which he raised himself, met with a severe accident recently and had to be destroyed. She had just arrived back from Charlotteville where she was bred to the prize hackney pony stallion and Cliff MacDougall was setting a store by the expected result of the union. He was also greatly attached to Queenie Victoria, named so because she was born on the 24th of May, and having Queenie B. for her dam.

In the New Year's edition of the Guardian which will appear early next week, will be found a review of harness racing on Prince Edward Island for 1935, which will give a summarized account of each race held during the season and the highlights of the sport. Starting with Summerside, July 1st, and continuing through the racing season until its completion at Charlottetown with the Colt Futurity Stakes, September 25th. If you cut it out and paste it in your scrap book you may perhaps find it interesting to look over in future years.

With this issue Down the Back Stretch will be completed for 1935 and the author of these notes hopes that you have been interested to some extent and pleased also by their progress. It has been a pleasure to give the news of the horse world with more particular reference to the part played by local horses. May our last words be the hope that you will find 1936 measure up to your most sanguine expectations. Au revoir.

Professors Ignore "Slang" Language
(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)
NEW YORK, Dec. 27—Questions about the use of such words and expressions as screwball, lousy, palooka, oke-doke and punch-drunk aroused a tremendous lack of interest among professors gathered today for a joint meeting of the American Philological Association, the linguistic society of America and the Archaeological Institute.

It may have been that the delegates were meditating on the opening business at hand, namely a speech on "Zeus the Father in Homer," but at any rate, a reporter who sought to learn what philologists think about the way the King's English is used by an indeterminate number of Americans (including Canadians) met an almost blank wall.

One professor said, "I'm sorry, my specialty is Hittite." A few others raised the old south eyebrow in a manner that seemed to say they thought the reporter a, er, screwball.

When getting close to the point of exasperation, the inquirer had the good fortune to run across Prof. W. W. De Witt of the University of Toronto. The Canadian educationist explained "all the philologists meet here today are classical men." Then he cleaved to the heart of the newspapermen's query like this:

"I believe it is important for dictionaries to list slang. Words such as 'set-up' do not displease me. Sports writers develop novel words, and those that survive should be listed. Newspapers are the frontier of speech.

"Canadian slang is not the same as American. Our newspapers use the same news services." Prof. De Witt said some slang and idiomatic expressions have French foundations. The word "mush"—used in driving, huskies—comes from the French word "marchon"—which means let's go on.

Blanton Tops The National League Hurlers

(A. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)

NEW YORK, Dec. 27—Darrell E. ("Cy") Blanton, young strikeout artist of Pittsburgh Pirates, was the National League's most effective pitcher in 1935, his first full season in the majors. Blanton led all the regular pitchers in the official earned-run averages, announced today. He allowed only 259 runs per nine-inning game and succeeded in winning the crown held for the two preceding years by Carl Hubbell of New York Giants. It was the highest mark since 1931 when Dazzy Vance achieved first place with a 2.61 average.

On the basis of games won and lost, Blanton was 15th among those who pitched 10 or more complete games, winning 18 and losing 13 as compared to the top mark of 20 victories and six losses by Bill Lee of Chicago. The young Pittsburgher shared shutout honors with his teammate, Jim Weaver, Larry French of Chicago, Van Mungo of Brooklyn and Fred Fitzsimmons of New York. Each had four. Blanton allowed the greatest number of sacrifice hits, 24, and was fifth on the strikeout list with 142 whiffings. Jerome ("Dizzy") Dean of St. Louis led in strikeouts with 182. Bill Swift, another Pittsburgh hurler, was second in the listing with an earned run mark of 2.69, followed by Hal Schumacher, New York, 2.89; French, 2.93 and Lee, 2.94. All the others were above the three-run mark with Hubbell dropping back to 3.27.

The elder of the noted Dean brothers, "Dizzy," again was listed as the busiest pitcher in the league in most respects. He hurled 29 complete games and a total of 324 innings; won 28 contests to top the circuit for the second straight year; faced 1,365 basemen and allowed 326 hits. It was his fourth successive year as strikeout leader.

Bankers And Superiors Meet Tonight

The two undefeated teams in the City Hockey League, Superiors and Bankers, clash tonight at the Forum at 8 o'clock and the game promises to be a thriller.

Superiors, to date the surprise team of the loop, have chalked up victories over Stewart's and Holman's and on the basis of these two performances are expected to give the Bankers' squad plenty of opposition tonight. Bankers also have two victories to their credit; the "money" boys are without a doubt one of the strongest teams in the league and are out to add number three to their string.

At 7 o'clock the L. P. U. team meet the Nine Mile Creek squad in an exhibition encounter and this event will undoubtedly furnish plenty of action from whistle to whistle.

Record Entry List For Speed Skating Meet

(A. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)

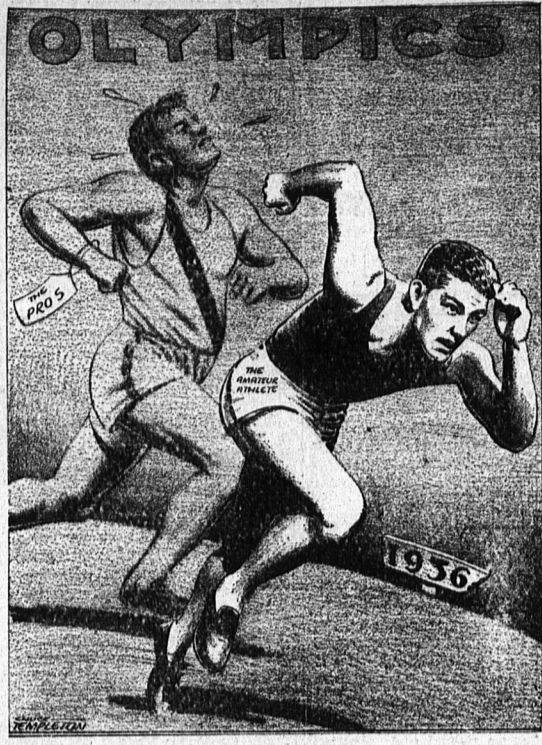
NEW YORK, Dec. 27—An all-time record entry list of 152, including all five members of the United States Olympic team and Frank Stack, now of Sudbury, Ont., was announced today by officials sponsoring the Middle Atlantic outdoor speed skating championships to be held here New Year's Day.

The Olympic representatives, Allan Potts of Brooklyn, Eddie Schroeder and Leo Friesinger of Chicago and Robert Peterson and Delbert Lamb of Milwaukee, will be joined by most of the other prominent American stars.

C.P.R. General Supt. To Retire

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)
MONTREAL, Dec. 27—George T. Coleman, Canadian Pacific Railway Superintendent of Transportation, Eastern Lines, Montreal, will succeed Arthur Hatton, for 20 years General Superintendent of Transportation here, when he retires at the end of the year, it was announced today. Mr. Hatton has been with the C. P. R. 45 years. The promotion of Mr. Coleman resulted in the following staff changes:

Chuck Templeton's SPORTTRAITS



Hanson Performed Best Individual Achievement Of Canadian Sport In 1935

(By Elmer Dulmage Canadian Press Staff Writer)

TORONTO, Dec. 27—Fritz Hanson, tiny ball-carrying halfback of Winnipeg's Canadian football champions, turned in the best individual achievement of Canadian sport in 1935 on that December afternoon in which the Manitobans roared gridiron supremacy from the East's grasp for the first time in history.

From an impressive string of performances produced by old 1935, sports writers picked out the breath-taking display by Hanson, an American, as the best by a two-to-one majority of votes in the year-end poll conducted by the Canadian Press. His sensational running against Hamilton Tigers in the East-West game in Hamilton on Dec. 7 was the margin of Winnipeg's 18-12 victory. It topped any other performance by a football player in 1935. More than that, it caught the imagination of the country as a whole and attracted international attention at the first Western triumph.

Scotty Rankine's victory in the Berwick, Pa., modified marathon in late autumn ranked second in the list of outstanding achievements. The Preston, Ont., runner is Canada's No. 1 athlete for the year, but it was his win over an international field at Berwick that brought him high ranking in this poll.

Rankine broke the course record set by Willis Ritola, former Finnish Olympic champion, and a few days later entered a hospital for a hernia operation. Not until after the race, which he won easily enough, did an admiring public know Scotty had performed under difficulties.

Allen Meagher's sweep of women's sprint titles and Sammy Richardson's record breaking broad jump of 24 feet, 11 inches were bracketed in third place.

Rangers And Bruins Face Hard Schedule

(C. P. by Guardian's Special Wire)

Boston Bruins and New York Rangers start off a heavy week tonight against tough opponents as the Bruins meet Maroons at Montreal for the third time this season and Rangers tackle Maple Leafs at Toronto also for the third time.

Rangers have yet to win against Toronto this season but are considerably stronger than they were in previous engagements with the veteran Ching Johnson playing defence as well as he did four seasons ago and the Cooks-Boucher front line in full scoring stride. The wide-open game favoured by both Lester Patrick and Dick Irvin should make the game a thriller.

Bruins and Maroons have split even in the two games played so far. Maroons winning 1-0 at Montreal and Boston taking a 2-0 decision at home. Bruins leave immediately after tonight's game for a Sunday night encounter with Wings at Detroit, and Rangers journey to Chicago for another Sunday night tilt with Black Hawks.

The luckless Canadiens will seek their first victory in 11 starts when they tangle with Americans at New York Sunday night. Their last win was at the expense of the Americans here on November 23. They had beaten Americans 6-0 in their only previous engagement.

Shamrocks Defeat Stars

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 27—Fighting to climb out of the western section cellar in the International Hockey League, Pittsburgh Shamrocks turned back Stars 6-3 here tonight, completely outplaying the eastern group leaders. The win put Shamrocks at the heels of the third place Windsor club.

It was the flashy last-period attack that kept the crowd on its feet. The veteran Billy Hudson sank two beautiful goals during this rally and Benson got the other.

The speed of the eastern division leaders gave them a decided advantage in the first period. McKey Blake and Jack Shill made the goals, Eddie Convey drawing assists. But Shamrocks, fighting furiously, went ahead in the second period.

Nick Wasieleski blasted in one goal before the period was a minute old. Hudson and Scotty Martin got assists. Nine minutes later Stan McCabe shoved in the tying counter. Ficke and Desse Roche, assisting the veteran Harold Darragh drove a hard shot over goalie Phil Stein's shoulder for the third.

Canada Exhibits For South Trade

OTTAWA, Dec. 27—Some thirty Canadian industrial exhibits will be shown at the trade exhibition to be held at Adelaide March 20 to May 16 as part of next year's centennial celebration of South Australia. With the exhibition restricted to Empire countries and their products, the Canadian section is being arranged under direction of the Canadian Exhibition Commission of the Department of Trade and Commerce.

Lawsuits Follow Ban on Play

(A. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)
BOSTON, Dec. 27—Suits for \$250,000 damages were entered today in federal court here against Mayor Frederick Mansfield and city censor Herbert McNary, as a result of their action in banning the play, "The Children's Hour." They are named as co-defendants in one action for \$250,000 brought by the Children's Hour, Inc., of New York, and in another for \$50,000 brought by Herman Shulman, producer of the play. The play, which was to have opened here next month with a subscription list of 5,000 patrons, was banned a fortnight ago by the

Royals Capture Overtime Battle From Abbies 2-1

Improving with every appearance and fast being regarded as a serious threat for junior hockey lures Abbies last night forced Chick Williams' Royals into an overtime session before bowing to a 2-1 defeat in the second game of the junior hockey league. The encounter replete with thrills and bristling with rugged action throughout saw the juniors display their best efforts of the season. They skated at top speed the entire seventy minutes, never letting up for an instant, and as the battle surged from end to end with lightning-like rapids the rival defenses and goalies rose to brilliant heights in frustrating the dangerous attacks.

Royals had to call on every ounce of power they possess to earn the victory and like the courageous team they are they came through. Abbies drew first blood by scoring at the twelve minute mark of the first period and from then until early in the third a brilliant goalie, rugged defence and two lines of backchecking forwards balked all attempts of their opponents to even the count. But early in the third Royals clicked on a smart passing play and on this time on had an edge, Eddie Darragh shooting the winning counter to the four minute mark of the overtime session.

Both squads opened the throttle wide as the puck was faced off at centre but for the first few minutes the close-checking forwards on both teams kept the play in the centre zone. A penalty to Carmody gave the Abbies a break but try as they would they could not complete their plays. However with twelve minutes gone Harry Richardson's Irish line of Dowling, Kelly and Flannigan accounted for the first score of the game. Carrying down the left lane Flannigan scored the puck in over the line before losing possession; Kelly recovered near the side of the net and his short pass to Dowling on right wing gave the youngster his chance and he made no mistake, poking the open corner with a hard low drive. Pressing back savagely Royals had numerous scoring chances but McAleer guarding the Abbie cage was unbeatable.

The second period was just another succession of the thrilling plays that had marked the first session. Time upon time both teams would skate into scoring chances but the acrobatic performances by Langille and McAleer kept the cages clear of alien rubber. Wild skirmishes in front of the nets had the crowd in a continual uproar but the melees would always end with the rubber being cleared out of the danger zone.

The third period was just a minute and a half old when the Royals banged in their hard-earned equalizer. Breaking up an enemy attack "Salmon" Blanchard worked his way to the line, slipped a short pass to McClintock and the light-haired winger's angle drive had McAleer beaten. The way as he kicked helplessly as the rubber rustled the twines. Rather than decrease the tempo of the game increased and the feeling between the two teams increased accordingly.

Kelly and McLennan tangled at the side of the Abbie net to make a brief fast-flight ensued. With both players sent to the cooler the game was more wide open than ever and both teams slipped up on glorious scoring chances. Darragh, who was later to take the hero role missed the most glaring one as McAleer came far out of his net to make a Royal defence man had broken clear of the pack and had a clear path to the cage all the way from centre ice. Royals were sent back on the defensive as Blanchard drew a penalty in the latter stages of the period but this time Langille stood in the breach to send the game into overtime.

Darragh redeemed himself for his slipup in the third period when he accounted for the winning goal four minutes after the start of the overtime. With the Royals sending five forwards on Jay secured possession inside the Abbie zone and when taken out of the play he passed short to Darragh and this player's backhand shot, never leaving the ice slid slowly into the cage as desperate Abbie players made futile efforts to get to the marksman. After the score the winners played five men behind their blue line and this method of defence proved mighty effective as the losers' gang attacks were repulsed time after time.

SUMMARY
First Period
1.—Canadiens, Roach (unassisted) 3:06.
Penalties: Hennessey, Ferguson, Strain, McDonald, Williams.
Second Period
2.—Canadiens, Wilson (unassisted) 4:32.
3.—Canadiens, McDonald (Wilson) 5:43.
4.—Canadiens, Coyle (Roach) 7:00.
5.—Canadiens, Roach (Coyle) 8:27.
Penalties: none.
Third Period
6.—Canadiens, Steele (Murphy) 12:59.
Penalties: McDonald 2.

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Skating This Afternoon
Record music 20c

Bruins, Tecs Both Claim Ray Getliffe

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)

LONDON, Ont., Dec. 27—Ray Getliffe, young forward of London Tecumseh of the International Hockey League, has received instructions from Art Ross, managing director of Boston Bruins of the National Hockey League, to report to the Boston club in a matter of days. He has also received instructions from Tecumseh to remain here, it was learned today.

New York GETLIFFE
Rangers sold their interest in Getliffe outright to Boston, it was explained, after the former Stratford and Saint John, N. B., amateur on the Ranger reserve list had signed a professional contract with London.

J. A. Anderson, President of Tecumseh, has appealed to President Frank Calder of the N. H. L. to settle the matter. Tecumseh's claimed Lester Patrick, Rangers managing director, gave them permission to use Getliffe all season and protected that permission in the conditions of his sale to Boston, stipulating Getliffe would not be recalled to Boston without consent of the club here.

Toronto Police Commissioners To Be Witnesses

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)

TORONTO, Dec. 27—Toronto Police Commissioners will be called as witnesses before the Royal Commission investigating allegations of police conduct in the case of Norman F. Newton, K. C., of London, Ont., commission counsel, declared today as taking of evidence began.

John Burn, shoemaker proprietor, testified before Judge J. J. Coughlin and Judge Duncan C. Ross, the commissioners, he had lost 236 pairs of shoes of a total value of \$1,500 from his shop between 1931 and 1933 from four constables; looked stores in connection with thefts from shops and warehouses. He had kept records of every pair of shoes sold.

The present Royal Commission inquiry came about when ex-convict Walter J. Watt, one of the four convicted and sent to jail, declared before the police commission that 24 constables formed the "100 per cent gang" systematically looting shops and warehouses. Attorney General Roebuck ordered the Royal Commission Probe.

heavier and faster Canadian team earned a 6-0 decision over St. Avard Beavers but the game was much closer than the score indicates. In the first period but one goal in their one-sided victory in the second when the Beavers became disorganized to allow their opponents to shoot in four goals in as many minutes. But in the third period the losers made a much better showing again holding their opponents to one counter and but for a little over-anxiousness might have added a count or two on their behalf.