



DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

Tonight's race card at Canada's Finest Track will consist of eight dashes featured by a 2:27 Trot with three dashes for a purse of \$500. In it is Brendon's Boy 2:23-2-5, recently purchased for a four-figure price by George Brookings, Kensington, from J. Leo Praught, Cherry Valley, that will make his first appearance of the season...

The well-known trotter Speedwell Guy 2:13 has changed hands, former owner Roy Mills, Hunter River, selling to Earl Buell, Village Green. Getting horses ready through the winter months is a hobby with Roy, an old soldier, veteran of the Second Medium Battery Overseas 1915-18. His score is 100% with King Grattan 2nd last year and Speedwell Guy this year.

We have to thank George R. MacDonald, Boston, for the latest news from Foxboro race track, where it will be remembered Joe O'Brien was leading driver last fall. The plant opened June 28th and despite an early evening threat of thunder showers and great humidity nearly 5,000 fans turned out to see the sport. Maritimers will be interested to learn that Worrell Lewis, New Waterford, N.S., making his debut on a foreign track, drove two winners and the mounts he drove had both ends of the daily double. Lewis won his first dash when he piloted Foxboro Counts 2:06 3-5 (record made at Covehead Sept. 17th, 1947) to a photo-finish victory in the featured fifth race, the Inaugural Pace, for a top purse of \$700. The other Lewis win was with Steamboat in the seventh dash. These were the only victories turned in by the large contingent of Canadian horses. Time Counts' heat was won in 2:09 1-5, the fastest mile of the evening. Steamboat won in 2:15 2-5. Other Canadian drivers included LaRoche, Quebec; Earle Avery, Woodstock; and Louis Praught, Avey. He was third with Uhl Abbe in the race won by Time Counts and also placed horses in two other events.

A clipping from a Boston paper with a write-up of Foxboro track has a large photo of Dannie Steiner, formerly of Summerside, driving the nine-year-old trotter New Hope. The Foxboro track has been remade and is now considered quite fast. The record for 9-16 of a mile, 1:10; the 6 1/4 furlong, 1:42 2-5; the one mile, 2:08, is held by Tip Abbe, the latter being shared also with Highland Frisco and Money-maker. Tip Abbe holds the 1-1/8 mile record of 2:14 4-5. All the above were driven by Joe O'Brien.

Joe O'Brien writes us from Roosevelt Raceway that he is nicely settled there with Castleton Farm stable consisting of Victory Song 1:57 4-5; Indian Land 1:55 4-5; Merry Way 2:02 3-5; Mighty Song; Hoot Mon 2:00; Wayward 2:17 1-5; War Master 2:04 4-5, and Borden Hanover. At date of writing Joe said it had rained nearly every day but they raced just the same. He wants to be remembered to all his friends here.

An even dozen race meets were held throughout the Maritimes Dominion Day. Results of several of these have not appeared in the press. Rain caused postponement at Saint John, N.B., where postponement had occurred earlier due to the same cause. Now it is announced they will race there for a week commencing July 14th.

Attention is directed to the ad of Alderman Frank Adams offering for sale some choice bred pacers that have been developed by the master hands of Billy Hood. Four and five-year-olds by Abner T. Clegg out of Grattan Queen have breeding good enough to make them champions, while Lela Baldwin, dam Lela Frisco, has license to go in the fastest company. Following Saint John meeting of the week of July 14th, will be the big Centennial races at Fredericton, marking the reopening of Canada's fastest track, where the Canadian pacing race record of 2:02 1/4 was made by Walter Dale 2:00 1/4. The Secretary is Dr. G. C. McCoy.

GRAND OPENING OF MATINEE SUNNY GREEN ACRES RACEWAY SPRINGFIELD P. E. I. ON SATURDAY JULY 10. This track, situated on farm of Nelson Matheson, will be one of the best on P. E. Island, planned as it was by the master track maker, Harry O'Brien, Alberton, P. E. I., and the grading by Toombs and Montgomery of Kensington. Entries close July 7th and may be sent to Linus Mulligan, Kinkora, the secretary, or Nelson Matheson, Springfield, proprietor. There will be the following classes:— FREE-FOR-ALL TROT AND PACE NO. 1 CLASSIFIED PACE NO. 2 CLASSIFIED TROT AND PACE MATCHED RACE GREEN RACE If weather is unfavourable race will be held following Saturday, July 17th, 1948.



IN THE CORNER

Announcement of the appearance here tomorrow of Westville baseball team, strong contenders for Nova Scotia senior honors in an exhibition game against the local All Stars should cause more than a flurry of interest among local baseball fans for it is a well-known fact that in other years outside the province teams usually played to overflow crowds.

Westville always noted for producing smart baseball squads will be making their first visit here in a good many years. The last time we remember them was back in the days when George Francis, Lou Campbell, Bill Ryan, Frank Cronin, Lou Mathleson, Dutchy Diamond and other local baseball luminaries of that era were playing off for the senior title.

Those were the days when baseball was really going over big here. Although the Abbies failed to win a Maritime crown in their many tries, they were always in the thick of the fight for honors and although the locals that will be pitted against them tomorrow are not as strong as those former teams, nevertheless they too will battle the Nova Scotians all the way and particularly in the case of the younger players will provide them with added experience.

And while on baseball although it is not generally known some forty invalued servicemen at present taking treatment in the P.E.I. Hospital Veteran's Wing are keen spectators at the games being played on Memorial Field. From their rooms they have a clear view of the field and the happenings thereon and needless to say it is a pleasant diversion for the vets, many of them youngsters.

But the fact is that sometimes cars are packed in such a manner that the view of the pitchers and catchers are obscured. Needless to say it is an unthinkable act on the part of the motorists and it would be a kindly act on their part if in future they would avoid parking their cars in front of screen covering home plate and the pitchers mound.

Featuring a 2:27 trot for a purse of \$500.00 and five classified dashes the weekly night racing program scheduled for the Exhibition track tonight looks to be about the best racing program the directors have come up with yet this season. Horses whose ability over the dirt racing ovals is well known are scheduled to come to the wire in every event and fans, now that warm weather appears to be here to stay for awhile will likely be there tonight in the greatest numbers of the season.

The two night events that have been held thus far this season have lived up to all expectations. Racing has been of the keenest with unexpected fast times being chalked up. Finishes have been as close as the most rabid fan could ask for and with the program now definitely underway and everything working in a smooth manner even better performances can be looked forward from now until the night racing season ends in August.

Despite the fact that races were scheduled for both Riverside and Summerside tracks on Dominion Day both racing plants drew their quota of fans and in each place keen racing was witnessed. That was the beginning of the Island circuit which will have its climax with the holding of the Old Home Week program August 10 to 13, and judging by the attendances Thursday—unofficially it is said that a total of 5,000 saw the two meets, before the end of the season rolls around all previous attendance marks for former seasons will have been shattered.

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Great Racing Program In Offing For Tonight

The most promising looking racing card of the season is drawn up for tonight's night racing program at the Exhibition track when a featured 2:27 trot with a purse of \$500.00 and five classified dashes will be raced. A glance over the entries proves the winners very difficult to pick and it appears likely that an outstanding night of upsets will occur before the final heat is run off. Keen interest, the keenest so far this season is being evidenced in tonight's card and attendance records are expected to go by the boards for a night racing program. 46 horses will participate in the eight events with all of them well known to race goers for their consistent performances and with the track expected to be lightning fast after yesterday's heavy rain times are expected to be the fastest of the season. The first heat will be called at 9:15 sharp.

Boston Extends Lead In National League

(Canadian Press) Boston Braves stretched their National League lead to 2 1/2 games last night by beating the Philadelphia Phillies 7-3 while the second-place St. Louis Cardinals were dropping their fourth straight game, 7-3 to Cincinnati Reds. At the same time, the defending champion Brooklyn Dodgers landed in the cellar with a thump after losing 6-4 to New York Giants.

Boston mixed 12 hits with four expensive errors and still defeated the Phillies 7-3 in the first game of their National League series. Bob Elliott hit his seventh home run of the season in the first inning with one on. Cincinnati clubbed three homers as they handed the erring St. Louis Cardinals their fourth straight loss. The Cardinals committed six errors.

Danny Litwiler, Johnny Wroosstek and Grady Hatton homered for the Reds. Stan Musial connected for a circuit blow for St. Louis. The Giants won their game against Brooklyn in the ninth inning with three runs, including a homer by Willard Marshall, to send the Dodgers down to another defeat before 33,104 disappointed Ebbets Field fans.

At Pittsburgh, Chicago Cubs were handed a 5-1 decision over the Pirates, the Bucs committing four errors, three of them by third baseman Frankie Gustine.

Canadian Bisley Team Arrives In England

SOUTHAMPTON, England, July 2 — (OP) — The Canadian Bisley team arrived today aboard the liner Aquitania, looking fit and eager to get down to practice on Bisley's rifle ranges for the two-week Empire shoot starting July 5.

SPEED FOR SALE

THREE GOOD GREEN PACERS WITH THE VERY BEST OF BREEDING. 1. LELA BALDWIN (8) by Baldwin, dam Lela Frisco, by San Francisco. 2. MA CHERRIE (5) by Abner T. Clegg, dam Grattan Queen by Orens Grattan. 3. MILLIE MARTIN (4) by Abner T. Clegg, dam Grattan Queen by Orens Grattan.

The above mares are in training by Mr. Wm. Hood, Union Track, New Glasgow, N. S., where they may be seen.

WINS TENNIS TITLE LONDON, July 2 — (AP) — Bob Falkenberg, as gene a young tennis battler as ever came out of California, got off the floor today to outslug Jack Bromwich of Australia in a stirring five-set final of the Wimbledon men's singles championship. Trailing at 2-6 in the deciding set, the 22-year-old American was three times within a point of defeat before he won out over the veteran Aussie by scores of 7-5, 6-8, 6-2, 3-6, 7-5, before a packed crowd of 15,000.

COVEHEAD RACES Wed., July 14th. FOUR CLASSES — \$1,600 IN PURSES Entries Close Wednesday, July 7th. MURRAY HARBOR TEA PARTY and BOAT RACES WEDNESDAY, JULY 21st. BOAT RACES START 2:30 — PRIZES — SUPPER SERVED Dancing with Orchestra and Band Proceeds in aid of Murray Harbor Memorial Rink

HUNTERS' CORNER

Residents of Rocky Point and districts along the south shore as far west as Canoe Cove have been alarmed by persistent reports regarding a mysterious animal allegedly roaming the wooded sections along the south shore particularly in the Rocky Point and St. Peters Island areas. This animal is generally referred to as the Rocky Point Wildcat.

This columnist first heard of the mysterious creature that is reputed to be roaming the countryside at night scaring residents out of their wits and devouring farmers' livestock, with a special liking for new born calves, about 10 days ago.

The story that I received was to the effect that a resident of Rocky Point, a Mr. X, was returning home on foot at 11 o'clock on a Sunday night. Seeing an animal leaping into a clump of bushes, he suspected it was a fox and jumped in after it. According to my informant the animal wasn't a fox but a much larger animal with long legs and a bobbed tail that sprang back at him with an unearthly scream and eyes emitting greenish fire. It was alleged that Mr. X headed for home with the throttle wide open with the animal in close pursuit. The first question I asked was: "What was he drinking?" I was informed that on this special evening Mr. X had partaken of nothing stronger than a glass of milk.

I was inclined to treat the story as "just one of those things", but the rumour grew. Calves were reported killed and eaten and a man and his wife and young child driving homeward on a dark night were startled by a fearsome creature that sprang out of the bushes narrowly missing getting a grip on the horse's throat. Women began phoning game headquarters and asking if the wildcat had been shot.

On Tuesday of this week I met a chap in the City who lives at Nine Mile Creek. I asked what he knew about this animal so many stories were being circulated about. "Lots," was his reply. "It has a stub of a tail that carries over its back when it runs and its hind legs are longer than its front legs." "What about Mr. X?" "He had a close call alright. He ran a mile to his home and when he got there he fell through the door and collapsed on the kitchen floor. He had to stay in bed all day Monday and might have died from shock."

They say that curiosity killed a cat once and cats are not the only creatures endowed with curiosity. I decided to cross on the Ferry and have a looksee for myself. I made the trip Wednesday afternoon. I found Mr. X sitting on the porch of his house. He grinned sheepishly when I remarked: "I see that wildcat hasn't got you yet." A condensed version of his story is as follows: "On Sunday night I was walking across country from my uncle's on the shore road to where I live on the West River road. It was about 11 o'clock and quite dark. I was following a path through the woods when I saw the form of an animal lying under a bush. I thought it was a fox and jumped at it. It didn't run but started toward me. I yelled at it and it stopped. I picked up a club and started for home. I didn't see the animal plainly and don't know what color it was.

"As I walked along the path I knew it was following me as I could hear it walking on the leaves off to one side in the woods. Farther along the woods got quite thick and I could hear it making a big noise as it broke limbs and shook the bushes. I decided that if it was as big as it sounded my club would be of no use, and took to my heels. When I got home I was steaming pretty bad, just like a horse that has had a hard trip, so I took off my shirt and overalls and set on the porch until I cooled off."

I asked him if it was true that he collapsed and had to spend Monday in bed. He replied: "There isn't a word of truth in that." It wasn't any too pleasant an experience. (Continued on page 9)

GOOSE BAY WINS Pacing Derby From Famous Dr. Stanton. (By Craig Armstrong) WESTBURY, N. Y., July 2 — (OP) — In a stirring stretch drive between two veteran Canadian drivers, Goose Bay, piloted by Ralph Baldwin of Lloydminster, Sask., whipped the great Dr. Stanton, owned by W. L. (Lindy) Fraser of Forest, Ont. in the \$25,000 National Pacing Derby at Roosevelt Raceway tonight. Goose Bay ran the mile in 2:03. Forbes Chief, owned by Newport Stock Farms of South Plainfield, N. J., was third. Indian Land, which twice beat Dr. Stanton, finished sixth with little Joe O'Brien of New Glasgow, N. S., and Aberton, P. E. I., in the sulky. Goose Bay, which ran the fastest mile for three-year-old pacers last year, paid \$38.30 for \$3 in whipping nine other top-notch pacers in the third running of this Roosevelt Raceway premier race. The pacer, owned by Saunders Mills, Inc., of Toledo, O., caught Dr. Stanton in the last quarter of a mile to win by three-quarters of a length. Forbes Chief, owned by Octave Blake, was another three-quarters back of Dr. Stanton.

Goose Bay Wins Pacing Derby From Famous Dr. Stanton

Drillon Released As North Sydney Coach. NORTH SYDNEY, N.S., July 2 — (OP) — Gordon Drillon, the former National Hockey League player, has been released as coach of North Sydney Victoria of the Cape Breton Senior Hockey League, it was learned tonight. Drillon, now living in Charlotte-town, came here late last season and succeeded in coaching the club into the league finals against Sydney Millionaires, Maritime champions. No reason was given for the release. (6) Vander Meer and Williams. Chicago 101 903 800 3 4 9 Pittsburgh 010 000 000 1 3 4 Fitzgerald. Boston 200 202 100 7 13 6 Philadelphia 000 000 000 3 6 4 Shum, Hogue (3) and Masl; Simmons, Bicknell (3) and Semir-lick. INTERNATIONAL Syracuse 000 200 000 2 6 1 Buffalo 000 002 03x 5 7 1 Heiki and Boslack; Hausmann and Mordarski. Baltimore 000 000 000 0 4 1 Rochester 001 100 00x 3 1 1 Wittig, Wolpert (3) and Robinson, Stockhausen (6); Reeder and Marshall. Jersey City 000 000 000 9 13 1 Montreal 000 000 000 3 6 1 (13 innings). Kraus, Tomasic (7) and Yvars; King, Laga (5) and Dapper. Newark 000 001 000 1 6 0 Toronto 001 000 04x 5 4 1 Marshall and Silvestri; Holm; Hamlin and Plumbo.

Baseball Results. AMERICAN Philadelphia 000 021 001 4 9 0 Boston 010 000 010 2 6 0 Brissie and Rosar; Dobson, Johnson (3) and Tebbetts. Washington 2 5 2 New York 1 3 0 Masterson and Evans; Byrne and Berra. Detroit 000 011 000 2 6 2 Chicago 010 031 00x 5 8 1 Trout, Benton (5), White (7) and Swift, Reibe (7); Pieretti and Weigel. Cleveland 200 023 100 8 13 0 St. Louis 410 000 010 6 8 2 Black, Kileman (1), Gromek (5), Lemon (8), Christopher (6) and Tipton, Hegan (5); W. Kennedy, Widmar (6), Shore (6), Stephens (9) and Partee, Moss (9). NATIONAL New York 000 200 013 6 12 1 Brooklyn 100 010 020 4 10 2 Hansen, Jones (8) and Cooper; Roe, Ramsdell (8), Barney (9), Hatten (9) and Campanella. St. Louis 000 201 000 3 5 6 Cincinnati 411 100 00x 7 7 1 Pollet, Munger (1), Staley (6), Burkhardt (7) and Rice, Wilbert.

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Night Races Canada's Finest Race Track TONIGHT

FEATURING 2:27 TROT-- PURSE \$500.00 FIRST RACE AT 9:15 NO. 1-2:30 TROT - PURSE \$150.00 HORSE 1-JOANDALE L. McPhee 2-JUST BILL A. Agnew 3-JERRY GUY J. Ladner 4-MISS PLAYFAIR W. Kelly 5-MAISIE BUDLONG O. Morrissey 6-WINNIE'S LAST J. Fazzar NO. 2-2:27 TROT 1-BUDDY BUDLONG H. Stead 2-BRENDON'S BOY G. H. Brookings 3-DAN McELWYN Don McNeill 4-BUD KALMUCK J. Ladner 5-GEO. GUY Arthur Jay 6-PETER KIN AUBREY Arnett Bell NO. 3-CLASSIFIED PACE - PURSE \$150.00 1-SCOTTY BUDLONG Sam Kennedy Jr. 2-WINNIE SCOTT F. Willis 3-LORRAINE ABBE J. McNeill 4-C. ALBERT BUDLONG Lorne Kelly 5-MISS KNOX G. H. Buntala NO. 4-2:30 PACE - PURSE \$150.00 1-BONNIE CLEGG Cyril Smith 2-HAZELSET Fulton Willis 3-LITTLE MILLIE W. H. Kelly 4-MAC WATSON Pat McKenna 5-SOLDIER BUDLONG W. Burhoe 6-NATURE BOY Ed. Downs NO. 5-2:27 TROT 1-DAN McELWYN Don McNeill 2-BUDDY BUDLONG Harold Stead 3-BUD KALMUCK J. Ladner 4-BRENDON'S BOY G. H. Brookings 5-PETER KIN AUBREY Arnett Bell 6-GEO. GUY Arthur Jay NO. 6, CLASSIFIED PACE - PURSE \$150.00 1-JOHNNY KALMUCK Walter Kelly 2-DUDY BUDLONG Harold Stead 3-ROSALIE H. LA. Col. J. F. Hooper 4-DONALD G. U. G. Gilles 5-MARY'S DELIGHT W. Praught NO. 7-2:30 PACE - PURSE \$150.00 1-MAC WATSON Pat McKenna 2-HAZELSET W. Willis 3-SOLDIER BUDLONG W. Burhoe 4-NATURE BOY Ed. Downs 5-LITTLE MILLIE W. H. Kelly 6-BONNIE CLEGG Cyril Smith NO. 8-2:27 TROT 1-GEO. GUY Arthur Jay 2-BUDDY BUDLONG Harold Stead 3-BUD KALMUCK J. Ladner 4-PETER KIN AUBREY Arnett Bell 5-DAN McELWYN Don McNeill 6-BRENDON'S BOY G. H. Brookings