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DOWN —The— BACK STRETCH

Alfie Webster, Marie, paid us a short visit yesterday and informs us that he is selling all his stock and cutting down his farm operations owing to ill health. He has two valuable colts from Leta Kalmuck 2.12½, one of the best pacers developed here in years. One, the three-year-old is by King Spruce 2.08½ and the other is a yearling filly by Abner T. Clegg 2.04½. We regret Mr. Webster's indisposition and hope that ere long he will be back to his former good health.

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The annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Harness Racing Circuit will be held at Truro next Wednesday afternoon, May 15th. It is expected that the usual big turnout of horsemen will be present. In the evening there will be a monster banquet which will be addressed by Roger Duncan, Vice President U. S. T. A. and Ralph Jewell, Fort Fairfield, Maine, Director of the U. S. T. A. The Nova Scotians are certainly to be congratulated on having those two distinguished guests who will add greatly to the enjoyment of the banquet as they are well equipped to speak interestingly. These banquets have in the past been among the most enjoyable we have ever attended and it is a sincere disappointment to us that we cannot be present, also Mr. J. W. Boulter, who leaves tomorrow by air for Washington, D. C.

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The Year Book for 1945 and the new Rule Book for 1945 are being issued by the United States Trotting Association. Both will be eagerly perused by hundreds of readers in the Maritimes. All owners, drivers, trainers and track officials should go carefully over the new Rule Book as it contains many changes that will make for the betterment of racing.

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We receive a great many letters from horsemen regarding registration of prospective race horses. In many cases it is very difficult to secure the wanted information in a hurry and so to make eligibility certificates available quickly in such cases the rule has been changed so that an eligibility certificate can be issued if an owner makes application for registration and pays the fee. That gives the U. S. T. A. an opportunity to get the necessary signatures later on and does not stop the issuing of the eligibility certificate or delay the racing of the horse.

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A short time ago we had a letter from James Moriarity, Halifax, N. S., stating that Gay Law 2.07 had been changed to a gelding at New Years and that he had been up to see Jollity 2.05¼, champion of 1944, and Gay Law. Everyone is hoping to see Jollity back to racing this season.

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We note in the racing at Santa Anita where Tru Single G. won a race at 1 1-16 miles with 85-year-old George Loomis teaming. Tru Single G. is owned by B. J. Benfield, former owner of The Great G. 2.02, now at Blue Acres Farm, New Glasgow, N. S.

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Fifteen-year-old Ouster Volo 2.04½ has won three events at Santa Anita already. The latest one was the 1 1-16 trot mile in which he topped the summary in 2.13, equal to about 2.06 for the mile. He had also won a one-mile event on the trot in 2.04½ two days previously. He looks like a tough old bird for 14-year-old Tracey Hanover to tackle in the international contest which promoter Leo McNamara is endeavoring to stage at Kentucky this fall. Among the winning drivers we note from time to time is P. Dugault of Quebec, which shows the northern trained horses are making good in the land of sunshine.

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E. J. Baker, millionaire hotel proprietor, most of whose wealth is said to have come from the great old plunger "Betcha a Million" Gates purchased Eddie Havens, five-year-old pacer that won recently at Santa Anita in 2.01½. Baker hopes to win the $50,000 pacing derby which is to be raced May 18th with Eddie and experts say he has a good chance. The distance is 1¼ miles, which makes endurance a considerable factor. We met Joe Neville, proprietor of the Delaware race track, at the meeting of the U.S.T.A. in New York. It was he who sold Eddie Havens to Mr. Baker, but we understand he is to get a premium if Eddie wins the pacing derby. Eddie Havens cost Joe Neville $800.00 when sold as a yearling at Walnut Hall Farm so he made a nice profit. Mr. Baker was slinging the dough around in good style that day as he purchased March Hare for $8,000 after he had won a six furlong dash in 1.32½.

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We note where new world's records are being made at Santa Anita at the odd distances. One of these, the 7 furlongs in 1.45, formerly credited to the Canadian pacer Norman Grattan 2.02½. The writer remembers attempting to buy him the latter part of April, 1925, after having completed the sale of 50 pairs of foxes to a Chicago company. We got up to $4,000 after seeing him step a last half in 1.01½ over the Forest, Ontario, half-mile track on a rather cool morning. Owner Fraser wanted $10,000 so we were considerably off. It was Adios that set the record at 1.44.

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Californians are mighty proud of the fact that a local driver, Charlie Witt of Shafter, topped the drivers the first ten days at Santa Anita with seven wins. Guy Crippen of West Ellis, Wisconsin, had five wins while Jack Mahoney, Toledo, Ohio, Sep Palin and Ralph Day each had four winners. One of the likeliest horses to show up at Santa Anita was Red Streak, the five-year-old pacer in Witt's barn that won three dashes.

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Here are the trotters eligible to the $50,000 trot that seem to be in the opinion of the railbirds the most likely to win the big 1 1-4 mile purse: Blue Boy; Algiers; Axomite; D. W. Spencer and Kaola. The pacers they are picking for the $50,000 event are Eddie Havens; Ensign Hanover; Millbrook Victory; Perdue Hal; Red Streak and Charming Scott.

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"Smiling Joe" Neville, sponsor of the Little Brown Jug Stake at Delaware, Ohio, has received entries for 74 two-year-old pacers in that stake to be raced at his track. We asked Joe how on earth he could put up such a tremendous amount of money for his races and get away with it. He said that by featuring stakes he got so many entries that the $100,000 worth of purses just cost him $10,000.

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James L. Read, Truro, sends us a clipping from the Springhill Record with interesting facts about the Springhill track. In 1896 J. R. Cowans, Manager of the Springhill coal mine, donated the land on which the track was built and a number of prominent citizens including F. B. Ryan, Lyman Ryan, Jack Leadbetter, Sol Keiver, H. A. B. Glendenning, built the home stretch as far as the blacksmith's shop of the late A. L. Somers. Then Mr. Cowans took over the task and completed the track and built a fence around it in 1899, also a grand stand and barns and a band stand where the local band played between heats. There was a very large attendance on opening day, every train coming into town was loaded, livery stables were full of horses and hotels were packed to the doors. It was certainly a memorable day.

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Mr. Cowans was a great lover of horses and he did an awful lot for racing in the Maritimes. His favorite driving mare was Kissie, one of the most beautiful and fashionable animals that ever stepped on the street. The Cowans horses as they were known, were great attractions wherever raced, competing at most of the prominent fairs in the Maritimes and also in Maine. Prince Edward Island-bred Park Campbello was one of his fastest and a great favorite with spectators. In an effort to wrest the laurels from him A. H. Learmont, former hotel man of Truro, brought Whirligig 2.10, from the United States but it was no good, Park Campbello defeating his antagonist amid the greatest excitement. Another of his best mares was Helen R., which he bought from Jim Keith of Stellarton. She was also an import; but perhaps the name that is best remembered by old timers is that of Rock Farm Grace, a mare which he purchased from J. R. Lamy of Amherst. She was American bred and a redoubtable performer wherever she started. Her greatest victory was in 1903 in Sussex, where she won a seven-heat race from a big field.

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Other outstanding Cowans horses were Lady Bingen, the free-for-aller Cerena and the trotter Estell Boy 2.16½, another name that we old timers all remember. Blomidon was one of the handsomest trotters ever raced in the Maritimes. He was a great favorite with Mr. Cowans. Then there was Legal Pandit, Lady Patton, Jessie Patchen, Lady Hal, Parkarelle and numerous others. It was a great loss to racing when Mr. Cowans relinquished his interests in Springhill and moved to Montreal where, we understand, he is still in the enjoyment of good health. Mr. Read saw that seven heat race at Sussex and states that Rock Farm Grace was a very handsome dark brown mare, unheaded, nicely turned and weighed about 1,000 lbs.

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Keep your eyes glued to The Guardian Monday for the results of the $50,000 Western Harness Grand Trot which will be raced this afternoon at Santa Anita, California. On the following Saturday, May 18th the $50,000 Western Harness Grand Pace will be raced. The trot has brought forth 90 nominations and the pace 105 nominations, both world's record entries for a trotting or pacing event. Eager onlookers at that race will be Islanders Walter S. Pound of Merced, California Mr. David MacKenzie of Montreal and no doubt many other Islanders who are sojourning or living in California.

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Some 35 horses are stabled at the Charlottetown track with more expected next week. The weather has been pretty cold and it is hoped that the horses will not contract any rheumatism which often follows the removal from a warm stable to a cold one. The track which was resurfaced with 1,000 loads of good loam last fall is being worked on every day by Caretaker MacAusland and it is expected to be a very fine training track this season.

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Miss Vimy Jones, well known lady equestrienne, has started a riding school at the Exhibition grounds and is located in what was the Riding Club stalls. She uses the horse show ring for teaching her pupils which already number over twenty, with applications coming in every day.

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Harold Stead, Brackley, is planning a training track of his own on one of the level back fields. Harold had great success last season with O. U. Volo, the son of Pax Volo 2.07, starting in twelve events, had winning brackets in five of these and was a strong contender in the others. In addition to O. U. Volo there is a four-year-old trotter, Dudey Budlong, by Calumet Budlong 2.02¾, dam Dude Potempkin 2.07¼, that showed up splendidly on the ice and looks like a great prospect, and a three-year-old, Buddy Budlong, with exactly the same breeding, that is the pet of the family and should with its breeding make good.

NEW INDUSTRY

NEW DELHI, — (CP) — The government of India is preparing the establishment of an aircraft industry in India. A delegation of British experts has been despatched to India to discuss technical aspects and advise on the necessary preparations.

Pay Tribute To Boxing Promoter

NEW YORK, May 10 — (AP) —Notables in many fields joined with the ordinary boxing fan today in paying final tribute to James Joy Johnston, veteran fight promoter and manager who died of a heart ailment Tuesday.

Every seat in St. Malachy's Church, known as the actors' church, was taken and a crowd estimated as high as 800 stood outside at the Requiem Mass.

Baseball Results

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Boston	100	000	100—2	9	1
Brooklyn	100	000	03x—4	8	2

Cooper and Hofferth; Gregg, Hatten and Anderson.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Boston	030	000	200—5	9	1
New York	000	040	000—4	6	1

Dobson, E. Johnson and Wagner; Ruffing, Page and Dickey.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Baltimore	000	000	010—1	5	3
Montreal	000	021	02x—5	8	1

Barillari, Calvert and Kahn; Hathaway and Howell.

Jersey City	000	320	004—9	11	1
Rochester	020	010	000—3	6	4

Andrews and Pruett; Osborn, Gardner, Sakas, Bakeland and Hockenberry.

Night:					
Newark	000	000	400—4	5	0
Toronto	012	000	000—3	6	3

Moore and Fallon; Hamlin and Astroth, Crompton.

Moncton Mitt Slingers On Fight Card

Six Moncton fighters representing Enterprise Sports Enterprise will appear against local mittslingers in the boxing card to be staged at the Sporting Club Monday night, Promoter Joey McDonald announced last night. Local fighters will include Martin, McCloskey, Poulton, Pryor and Beau Jack. Just who they will face will be known on Monday.

In addition, several other scraps are on the card which should furnish fans with another action filled night.

Feature of the program will be the return bout between Oatway and Peterson for the Sporting Club trophy. These same two fought a close battle in last week's card and due to some dissatisfaction over the decision it has been decided to rematch the two heavyweights.

Royals Lose To Red Sox In School Series

The Red Sox defeated Royals in the second game of Queen Square series yesterday 11-7. Star of game was Wendall (Gump) Gillis, who had a perfect day at bat, also played a steady game afield. Outstanding play of the game was Mutt Clarkin's double play to P. Coyle.

Red Sox: Pitcher Corish; catcher, Flynn; 1st base, Bruce; 2nd base Coyle; 3rd base, W. Gillis; short stop, Clarkin; left field MacGuigan; right field, L. Coyle; centre field, Hennessey.

Royals: Catcher Hennessey; pitcher, MacKenzie; 1st base, Nicholson; 2nd base, MacAdam; 3rd base F. Zakem; short stop, Abe Zakem; right field Jay; centre field Doyle; left field Belanger.

Assault Heavily Backed To Capture Preakness Stakes

By SID FEDER

BALTIMORE, May 10 — (AP)— The richest race in United States turf history—tomorrow's 56th running of the Preakness stakes—drew a field of 11 three-year-olds, with Assault the horse to beat and three of the four gallopers closest to him in the Kentucky Derby the only ones who might do it.

Since he has the same number of legs now as when he won the Kentucky Derby by eight lengths — and there's been nothing to indicate any of the others has been equipped with a new motor in the meantime— Assault was a loud choice to hit the jackpot again at Pimlico and repeat the triumphs his daddy, Bold Venture, racked up 10 years ago.

Tonight the betting was little better than even money that Assault would make his Derby decision stick. The crystal ball showed scattered showers which might take the fast edge off the track — but the Texas sizzler doesn't care if it comes up mud or dust.

Nor for that matter, do any of the three given what chance there is of pulling a rabbit out of the hat— William Dupont's Delaware speedster, Hampden, and the two-horse entry from the Main Chance Farm Elizabeth Arden Graham — Lord Boswell and Knockdown.

Donations To L.P.U. Ball Fund

Officers of the L. P. U. are having fine success with their drive for funds for the baseball team and they wish to take this opportunity of thanking the following for donations:—DeBlois Bros., $20.00; Prowse Bros., $10.00; Hyndman & Co., $10.00; Clarke Fruit Co., $10.00; Dr. F.C. Dougan, $5.00; P. W. Turner, $5.00; Buntain Bell, $5.00; John Mills, $3.00; Labor Union, $50.00; house to house canvas, $30.25; miscellaneous, $90.00; H. Larter, $2.00, and R. R. Bell, $4.00. 5-11-1i

Roughriders win From Invaders

Bagnall's "Roughriders" from R.W.C. yesterday took the measure of C.V.T.'s Atomic Invaders in an exhibition softball game. The score was 13-12, the "Riders" riding to victory on an unearned run in the first half of the seventh inning and managing to hold onto their slim margin in the remaining innings of the game.

Outstanding plays during the encounter were Jack McLellan's double play that nipped a College rally and the fielding of McLennan and Gavin all through the tilt.

Four base wallops were hit by D. McLennan of the winners and Nicholson of the losers.

Lineups:

Roughriders: Richard, Bagnall, Don McLennan, C. Nicholson, Quigley, Court, Hill, Leightizer.

Invaders: MacLennan, Gavin, McRae, Douglas, McLellan, Gaudet, McIsaac, Devine, Greene.

Officials: McMurrer, Hodgson, "Fiddler" McDonald, Forsythe.

Big Lombardi Can't Figure Umpire Out

NEW YORK, May 10—(AP)—Ernie Lombardi, huge New York Giant catcher who has been known to play an entire game without speaking a word, still couldn't figure out today why Umpire George Magerkurth fossed him out of Thursday's game at Pittsburgh.

"All I said to him was 'sir, you are a meathead,'" Lombardi said at his arrival here today.

British Stars Invited To Meet Nelson

MONTREAL, May 10 — (CP) — Invitations have been cabled to British golfers Dick Burton and Dai Rees to play a special 18-hole match for a $2,000 purse with Byron Nelson of the United States open champion on the Beaconsfield course here June 26, on the eve of the Canadian open tourney, it was announced tonight by J. M. Pritchard, club president.

The individual offers to Burton, British open champ, and Rees, who defeated Nelson three and two in a Ryder Cup match in 1937, followed an unsuccessful attempt by the Beaconsfield club earlier this month to arrange a team match between outstanding British and U. S. four-man teams. R. C. T. Roe, head of the British Professional Golfers Association, turned down the offer, stating that the proposed date was too close to the British open tournament.

Nelson, topnotch U. S. star, today told Beaconsfield officials in a long distance telephone call from Houston, Texas, that he definitely was not going to England to participate in the British open. He added there was a possibility he would come to Montreal to defend his Canadian open championship in the June 27-30 meet.

Maple Leaf Gardens Draw Large Crowds

TORONTO, May 9—(CP)—Toronto's Maple Leaf Gardens, popularized from coast to coast through the N. H. L. hockey broadcasts, is also the greatest centre of all-round sports activity in Canada, statistics released today by Conny Smythe, general manager of the Gardens reveal.

From Oct. 27—when the Leafs played their first home game in the 1945-46 N. H. L. season, to May 4, figures show that 1,227,492 fan have paid to see such diversified spectacles as hockey, ice follies and ice capades, basketball, tennis, boxing, softball, wrestling and to take part in dances, bingo matches and other recreations in the spacious sports palace.

Hockey has been the top attraction since the Gardens was built and this past season's junior final between St. Michael's College and Winnipeg Monarchs set an all-time attendance record for junior hockey with 102,618 paid admissions to the seven games. A total of 339,174 persons paid to see professional hockey games in that period.

Baseball's "Big Six"

(Three leaders in each league, based on 50 times at bat):

Player	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Williams					
Red Sox	24	88	25	36	.409
Pesky,					
Red Sox	23	101	31	41	.406
Musial,					
Cardinals	18	72	14	29	403
X-Reese,					
Dodgers	18	65	11	26	.400
Lodigiana,					
White Sox	16	60	6	24	.400
Cavarretta,					
Cubs	20	69	14	26	.377

Runs Batted In—National League: X-Holmes, Braves, 16; American League: Doerr, Red Sox, 28.

Home Runs—National League: Mize, Giants, 5; American League: Dimaggio, Yankees, 6.

X—Night game.

Reward For A Good Race

Trainer Max Hirsch gives Assault, winner of the Kentucky Derby at Louisville, Ky., a well-deserved bit of sugar. The Derby winner brought $96,000 for his owner, Robert J. Kleberg, Jr., and $18.40 to the bettors who backed him to win with a $2 ticket.

The long-awaited return of baseball to the local sport scene after an absence of over six years became a reality Thursday night with the formation of a three-team City League. The opening shot in the league will likely be fired on the first weekend in June, play continuing through July and August with time out for Old Home Week and playoffs commencing the first week in September. With three games a week on the schedule this should satisfy the appetite of the most ardent ball fan.

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League officials and executive are determined to put the league over in big-league style and with this in view one of the first "musts" is to have the teams properly uniformed and outfitted. The L. P. U. Anchors are reviving a familiar ball name and will be flashing the maroon and white colors they wore so successfully in the old Industrial League. Legion are standing pat with their gold and blue club colors while the North End Rovers' colors have yet to be announced.

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Baseballs were at a premium last year and so far have not appeared on the market in any large quantity; however, officials have been assured of enough to keep the league going for some time. The scarcest part of the players' equipment so far have been ball shoes which are practically impossible to purchase; any one having an idle pair should have no trouble in finding a ready buyer. A local sports store is expecting some word on this equipment early next week and may be able to ease the situation.

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Summerside ball enthusiasts are hard at work trying to promote a three-team league in the western capital and have obtained permission to lay out a new ball field in the center of the harness racing track. This is an excellent location and with a little extra effort by the interested parties should make a bang-up diamond. The proposed league will be composed of teams from the Legion, High School, and one representing the town.

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The passing of Jimmy Johnston, one of boxing's famous characters, drew the following tribute from Baz O'Meara writing in the Montreal Star: "Jimmy Johnston, the Boy Bandit who had hair as black as a raven's wing till the day he died, passed on just as he was about to adventure again into the lists he loved. Johnston had been appointed promoter for the Ebbetts Field boxing organization just a few days ago. They intended to buck the Jacobs' mitt monopoly.

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"Johnston was an Englishman by birth, out of Liverpool. He was cool, competent and cocky. He feared snobody. He never drank liquor, but was an inveterate tea drinker. He aroused fierce antagonism because of his chirpy manner, but he had the respect of everybody in fistiana and the admiration of many.

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"He handled many fighters, good, bad, and indifferent. One of those whom he foisted on the public as a potential heavyweight champion was Phil Scott. He was a horizontal hitter who had a glass jaw in the ring, but who proved to be an outstanding hero in the war. Which of course only proves that ring courage is a false yardstick of measurement for those who try to assay real courage.

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"Johnston once tried to be a professional fighter, couldn't make the grade, saw quickly that the best end of the racket was being on the promoting instead of the receiving end. He progressed along the road and was a contemporary of such characters as Charlie Harvey, Dumb Dan Morgan, Tex Rickard, the old gay and glamorous crowd who gave a bouquet to the business always badly in need of a scent of sachet.

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"He hit the heights and plumbed the depths, but he never lost his poise. He could scorch with invective, he loved feuds, and the turmoil of strife. He was promoter for Madison Square Garden, and one night coming out of his office he paused to view a hockey game in which Red Horner was embroiled with one of the scuffling Americans of the day. Beside him was the late Bill Farnsworth, sometimes sport editor of the Journal American.

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"Most hockey fights are dull affairs, but this one was a corker. Johnston turned to Farnsworth and remarked: 'Those fellows are doing for nothing what we have to pay thousands for, and doing it a lot better than some of our fighters.' Which, of course, was exaggeration, and the story has probably grown in the telling.

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"There will be many stories told today along Jacobs Beach about this picturesque old timer who at seventy looked timeless. It was the irony of fate that he should pass out just when he was girding for a fight that would have tickled him to the marrow, a battle with the great octopus Mike Jacobs."

Britain's famed Lawrence of Arabia was rejected for front line service in the First Great War because of anemia and short stature.

Dodgers In Virtual Tie With Cards

(By The Canadian Press)

Brooklyn Dodgers clouted Boston Braves 4-2 last night in the only National League contest played, and climbed into a virtual tie for first place just 15 percentage points behind St. Louis Cardinals.

The two other scheduled games, Cincinnati-St. Louis and Pittsburgh-Chicago, were washed out by rain leaving the teams just where they were Thursday.

Dodgers did it the hard way, coming up with three runs in the eighth. They produced three singles, by old-timer Bill Herman, Pee Wee Reese and Augie Galan, a pass to Pete Reiser and an error by pitcher Mort Cooper.

Big Mort Cooper held Brooks to six bingles while the Dodgers were combing Hal Gregg and Hatten for nine.

Senators And A's Battle 15 Innings

(By The Associated Press)

PHILADELPHIA, May 10—Philadelphia Athletics and Washington Senators battled to a 5-5 deadlock tonight in a 15-inning game which took four hours to play before a crowd of 29,477. The game was called under the major league ruling which prohibits the start of a new inning after 11.50 p.m.

Washington	000	003	001	000	100—5	18	3
Philadelphia	201	000	010	000	100—5	12	3

Leonard, Pieretti, Curtis, Kennedy, Wolff and Evans; Besse, Newsom, Savage and Rosar.

Large Turnout At Legion Ball Practice

Between twenty-five and thirty candidates for the Legion's ball entry in the City Baseball League went through a light workout at the old softball diamond at Victoria Park last night under the watchful eye of coach Ev. McNeil.

The practice was confined to fly shagging with some of the boys having a little batting practice and prospective hurlers limbering up their flippers.

Some of the old guard attending the workout were Harry Currie, Had McInnis, Diaser Ward, Art Perry and others active in ball circles before the war, while the younger ball gentry were also well represented.

Another practice will be held Sunday at 2 o'clock.

Breard Signs Mexican Contract

MONTREAL, May 11—(Saturday)—(CP)—The Montreal Gazette in a sportpage story today said that Stan Breard, shortstop with Montreal's International League Royals, had "signed a contract with the Mexican League and will leave for Mexico tonight." The story added that Breard's salary was reported to be $8,000 a year and that he had received a bonus for signing.

The absence of Breard, whose home is in suburban Verdun, from the Royals' camp since Tuesday had aroused considerable speculation in Montreal's sporting circles, which apparently was set at rest earlier yesterday when Breard reported to manager Clay Hopper. Hopper gave the shortstop a minor riprimand and fined him $50 for going A.W.L. Breard donned his uniform but was not used against Baltimore. Al Campanis played at short.

The Gazette said it also was learned yesterday that "two agents for the Mexican League arrived in the city last Friday. They made an offer to Breard and to an unidentified player on the Jersey City club. Breard is reported to have told them to get the contract and return this week. They saw Breard Tuesday and he signed the contract then, which was airmailed immediately to Mexico."

Breard could not be reached for comment.

Mrs. Breard told The Canadian Press that she did not know of her husband signing to play in Mexico, and that she thought the report was "only a rumor."

She said Breard "received a telegram," but she did not believe he would sign any contract with the Mexican League.

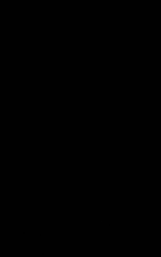
The Gazette said that Mel Jones, Royals' general manager, "expressed complete surprise when he learned the facts last night."

HORSESHOE TOURNEY

DES MOINES, May 9—(AP)—The world championship horseshoe pitching tournament, sanctioned by the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, has been scheduled for Des Moines July 30-Aug 6. Hernando Ibala of Mexico City is the defending champion.

GOLF

By BYRON NELSON



In the previous instalment I pointed out that the No. 3 and No. 4 woods were the two most useful clubs to the average golfer. I also warned against the use of the brassie when conditions called for the No. 3 and No. 4 wood, and pointed out that you could learn a great dreal about playing those clubs by watching Lawson Little and Jimmy Demaret.

The next time you go to one of our tournaments make a point of paying particular attention to Little and Demaret when they play those clubs. You will notice that they, and the other professionals who play those clubs well, swing their clubs slowly and deliberately on the backswing. In addition, they come almost to the point of a hesitation stop at the top of their backswing.

This is something you should try for because if you swing slowly, it is easier to swing smoothly.

There should be no jerk in any golf swing. That hesitation at the top of the swing I speak of indicates a certain rhythm which all of the good players have and is something the ordinary player should aim for.

In order to make full use of the fairway woods, the No. 2, No. 3 and No. 4 woods, you should play the ball a little more toward the center of your stance than you do when using your driver. When you use the fairway woods the ball is not teed up. You must hit the ball when the club is at the lowest point of the arc just as it is starting on the upswing. And the lowest point of the arc is always in the center of the stance.

When the ball has a bad lie you should play it even more towards the center of the stance because you should hit it almost as you would an iron shot. When trying to hit such shots correctly remember that it is necessary to hit some turf because it is impossible to pick the ball up clean out of a bad lie with any club, wood or iron.

With the ball in a bad lie, I also think it is a good idea for you to stand a little closer to it and swing the clubhead a little more upright. This, of course, will make you hit down on the ball more as you would when making an iron shot, but it enables you to get the ball up.

In using the phrase "swing the club upright," I merely mean that the club should not drag behind the ball as much as it would on a normal shot.

On normal shots the club should sweep along the ground a little distance behind the ball. This is done by shifting the weight from the left to the right foot at the start of the backswing.

Be certain that everything, the clubhead, the hands, the weight-shifting and shoulder-turn, all start together. Doing this will make it much easier for you to keep your swing together.

If you start away from the ball in this matter you will find it easier to keep your swing in the groove all the time. Never consciously try to "pick" the ball up. Just let the clubhead and the hands swing and the loft of the club you are using for this shot will do the rest.

Will Take Court Action

NEW YORK, May 10—(AP)—Horace Stoneham, president of the New York Giants, announced tonight that the National League baseball club had begun court action against Jorge Pasquel and his brothers "to enjoin them from inducing New York Giant players to jump to the Mexican League."

In a brief announcement delivered to the press by Jack Schwartz assistant secretary of the club, Stoneham said Edgar P. Feeley, Giants attorney and treasurer, personally notified Bernardo Pasquel, Mexican League vice president, of the action tonight.

The Giants declined further details and it was not immediately clear whether they had obtained a temporary injunctoin against the Pasquel brothers and their agents such as those awarded last week to the New York Yankees and Brooklyn Dodgers by courts in New York and St. Louis.

Nine former Giant players have gone south of the border to play with teams in the Pasquels' Mexican League.

TROTTER FOR SALE

Miss Charmer, 2:10, b.m., 8 years old, by Clinton Hanover, 2:05 — dam Charmer, 2:09 1-2, by Guy Axworthy. This mare is a 2:21 class trotter—perfectly sound — good mannered and now being trained at Chatham race track.

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