



DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

The annual meeting of District 11 of the United States Trotting Association will be held in the Scotia Hotel, Truro, at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 17th. After the annual meeting there will be a meeting of the Board to consider several cases that are to be brought before it. All members who can conveniently attend the above meeting should do so.

The annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Racing Association will be held at New Glasgow, N.S., at 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 21st. The purpose of the meeting is to set racing dates for 1948. The secretary-treasurer of the Nova Scotia Harness Racing Association is Carl McKenzie of Truro, N.S.

R. H. Phillips of Summerside has purchased a yearling dark brown colt by Kalmuck 2:15 1-2 by Peter the Great 2:07 1-2, dam, Jennie Worthy by Abbe Worthy. He has named it Flying Saucer and it is being much admired by Mr. Phillips' friends. We hope it will even exceed his expectations and prove one of the best of the local bred trotters and pacers.

S. Thane Belyea writing from Fredericton says that there is a lot of interest taken in ice racing in Maine and they are arranging for races for Gagetown, N.B. and have invited horses from Sussex, Wickham, The Narrows and Fredericton. No doubt when the sport gets a start there will be plenty of other places represented. The season has not been very favorable for getting horses ready.

Levi Hamer who was runner-up to Joe O'Brien as leading driver ever U. S. T. A. tracks the past season, had the misfortune to break his ankle recently at Ebroomburg, Pa. while getting off his bike.

Among the notes in The Feed 'n' Horse is - "When Sep Palin lowered the record of Indian Land to 1:50 4-5 this season we were reminded of the fact that a third of a century ago he had another similarly pacer out of a mare very similarly named. This being the flashy upstanding stallion Possibility 2:06 3-4 out of Pocahontas 2:02. Back in 1914 Palin, while not as widely known as today, was a cool resourceful driver and an individual and he handled Possibility to marked advantage through a long campaign of 16 races in which he won 14 and was only defeated on three occasions, being defeated on those two by Roy Jones by Hal B. Junior 2:02 1-2 and Napoleon Direct 1:59 3-4. That season Possibility earned his life's hand of 2:02 3-4 over a mile track and a lap of 2:04 1-2 over a small oval."

Interesting to us is the fact that Sep 2:02 3-4, sired Miss Possibility 2:12 1-2 that Jimmie Power raced here years ago and she was the dam of Miss Victoria 2:14 by Kalmuck 2:15 1-2, that Jimmie raced so well for several years. Miss Victoria is the dam of June Morning 2:10 2-8 that shares honors with two others as being the fastest Maritime bred pacer mare of the season of 1947. By the way, one of the most stylish and best turned out pacers we see on the sireline is Tennessee Sue 2:06 3-4 that Jimmie bought at Harrisburg sale last fall.

The noted harness horse writer John E. Hervey passed away recently at his home in Chicago. Fortunately he has left behind a book that will perpetuate his memory for all time - "The American Trotter - a history of the standard bred horse. This very readable book traces the trotting horse right to its foundation source and gives interesting stories of the great sires and family founders such as Hambleton 10, Electioneer and others. Mr. Hervey has been a close observer during his lifetime of the great events that led up to the present high standard of racing. He was familiar with the great trotters and pacers such as Dan Patch 1:55 1-4, Lou Dillon 1:58 and the present day champions and could give word picture descriptions of the races they took part in and the drivers who sat behind them. We never missed an article by John Hervey if we could help it and one of our most prized possessions is his recent book. As the editor of The Harness Horse very aptly remarks - "Who is there to take his place? Certainly no one with

the knowledge of breeding and pedigrees that he possessed.

We also sympathize with the editor of The Harness Horse, Walter Moore, on the death of his beloved wife which occurred at their home in Charlestown, Ill. early in January. Mr. Moore, like Mr. Hervey, was a writer familiar with much of the great past of the writing game and it is always a pleasure to read his editorials and the feature articles of L. G. Duffy. His knowledge of pedigree and what it takes in blood lines to make a great performer click is unsurpassed.

We have a thoughtful friend in Halifax, Canada, C. Stewart, who is as interested in harness racing as we are. Looking over his magazines he came across The Trotter and Pacer, Christmas number for 1922, and one of the features was a review of Maritime racing of that year by James W. Power and reprinted from the Acadian Recorder. The late Mr. Power was the first man to compile a review of Maritime racing which he did in a very thorough and interesting manner. That of 1922 was his 34th and he continued writing until his death some ten years later. A few extracts from it will be of interest particularly as they will bring back to the minds of older horsemen events of a quarter of a century ago.

There were 41 meetings in the Maritimes, Nova Scotia and Charlottetown had their regular Exhibition meetings, the latter reduced to three days. It was the first season racing was held on the Halifax track since the explosion of 1917. 536 heats were trotted or paced for purses during the season with four heats from 2:08 1-2 to 2:09 3-4, 61 from 2:10 1-4 to 2:15, 200 from 2:15 to 2:20; 203 from 2:20 to 2:25 and 68 from 2:25 to 2:30. The performance of Maritime bred horses abroad was most striking. Bill Sharen, bred by S. J. Boyle, Fredericton, N. B. in Tommy Murphy's stable, trotted in 2:04 1-2 at Philadelphia, the fastest mile ever stepped by a trotter bred in the Maritimes, and Brage 2:07 1-4, bred by R. H. Edwards, Halifax won the Grand Prize of Antwerp, at Brussels, Belgium.

Five track records were lowered - Truro 2:12 by Dick C. 2:13 1-2; Edmundston, N. B. to 2:14 3-4 by College Swift 2:11 1-2; North Sydney to 2:13 3-4 by Roy Jones 2:03 1-2; White Sox 2:03 1-2; Marie, P.E.I. to 2:17 3-4 by Edgerton 2:15 3-4; Colerado, N.S. to 2:18 3-4 by Colerado, N.S. to 2:18 3-4 and Lottie Akworthy 2:18 1-4. The fastest mile of the year was in 2:16 1-4 at Woodstock, N.B. by John R. Braden 2:03 1-2, holder of the Maritime Province record - 2:07 1-4. He was driven by John Willard. Roy Gratian 2:01 3-4, driven by Bill Cummings, lowered the Maritime gelding record to 2:09 1-4 at Woodstock, N.B. Crescendo, owned by A. E. Trites, Salisbury, N. B., driven by Fred Cameron, was the fastest new performer ever bred in the Maritimes with his mile in 2:13 1-4 at Houlton, Maine. His B. was the fastest made by a Maritime bred pacer, new performer on a provincial track that year. Bud Hal, owned by L. R. Asker, Halifax, and driven by Darnie Steele, lowered the Maritime pacing record for geldings to 2:10 1-4 at St. Stephen, N.B., and Edgerton, owned and driven by James Macdonald, Charlottetown, was the fastest new performer of the year owned in the provinces and on a provincial track - 2:15 1-4, at Charlottetown.

That their confidence was justified goes without saying. That same property today has been converted into a modern, up-to-date Curling Club. The game is carried on under much improved conditions. The new artificial ice plant has replaced the antiquated air conditioning system for making ice and the building has been fitted up as a social centre with home-like furnishings and facilities.

The Charlottetown Curling Club will be represented next week at the annual renewal of the Quebec Bouspiel. The rink making the trip to the Quebec capital and which leaves today will include, George Hawkins, skip, P. R. McLaine, miler, J. Andrew Likely, 2nd stone, and Wendell Worth, 1st stone. The rink has been striving to get in every available practice since the local season opened and their showing in the Quebec competitions will be watched with interest.

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SPORTING NEWS

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IN THIS CORNER

Charlie Deighan of the Summerside hockey team may not be an iron horse but he's a close candidate for the position. Anyone watching Charlie's aggressive and dashing style in the center ice lane for the visitors the other night would hardly credit that he has just stepped from the cab of the "special" which he had hired.

Charlie was first on the 12:33 in the morning to Summerside and did the evening "trick" on the special train which brought the Summerside boys and their rosters to town. Charlie doesn't allow his love of hockey to interfere with his work, but apparently takes every opportunity to combine business with pleasure.

It was just over 60 years ago that the game of curling made its debut in Prince Edward Island and in that space of time the game has grown by such leaps and bounds that today the Charlottetown Curling Club has grown from an original 36 members to a present membership of over 200. And keeping in step with the increase in members the game itself has progressed until the sport has become one of the leading activities during the winter season.

"Today, with the recent completion of an artificial ice plant, the Charlottetown curlers are in the most modern clubs to be found in the Maritimes and the effects resulting from the installation of the ice-making plant are expected to be far-reaching.

The present club is a far cry from 1887 and 1888 when the members believed privileges for playing several days a week from the owners of the Excelsior Roller Skating Rink located on Kent Street. When that premises was destroyed by fire the Club moved to the Hillsboro Rink on Fitzroy Street where it carried on for two more years.

Lack of interest saw the game wane considerably from 1891 until 1913 when a club house was built on Grafton Street where the Sporting Club now stands. The club opened in 1914 but the resulting First Great War saw interest ebb to such an extent that in 1919 owners of the clubhouse were advocating sale of the building. The sale did not materialize at the time and a special effort to increase interest in the game met with satisfactory results.

For the next 19 years, until 1938 the club carried on. A re-awakening of interest about that time saw many younger men taking part in the game and the need for more commodious premises was seen. A property was available on Euston Street and with confidence as to the future interest in the sport veterans and fledglings took the plunge.

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Curling Season Gets Underway



Among those attending the opening ceremony of the new artificial ice plant at the Charlottetown Curling Club on Tuesday night were left to right, A. W. Matheson, club president, Senator J. P. McIntyre, Lt.-Governor J. A. Bernard, Hon. Dr. W. J. P. Macdonald and Mayor B. Earle Macdonald.



Today's Matches In Week-end Bouspiel

Results Of Matches At Curling Club

Results in eight matches played at the Charlottetown Curling Club in connection with the week-end bouspiel last night are as follows:

Reg. Jenkins 6, Bill Nicholson 7, R. S. P. Jardine 8, Dr. E. S. Gillies 5.

Frank Acorn 8, F. R. McLaine 5, J. J. Larabee 10, G. M. Avar 5, H. R. Spillet 8, Dr. W. Macdonald 7.

W. W. Lord 9, H. R. Carruthers 4.

F. B. Conrad 9, S. Macdonald 6, M. Chapman 9, J. E. Burden 4.

Montague Wins 9-2 In Hockey Game With Ch'town

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Dark Horse May Be Threat To Barbara Ann's Olympic Title

TORONTO, Jan. 16 - (CP) - A dark-eyed champion who may prove to be the dark horse of Canadian figure skating and a threat to Barbara Ann Scott will leave here tomorrow for a try at Olympic figure skating glory.

If determination plays a part, Marilyn Ruth Take, 18-year-old Canadian amateur champion, will be at or near the top in both the Olympics and the world championships. The pretty brunette has spent 11 years of gruelling practice at the Toronto Skating Club.

Certainly anyone who saw Marilyn Ruth cheerfully whirl through Ballet spins, reverse spirals and spread-eagles in photographs taken in a bitter wind outside Toronto's Varsity Arena today, couldn't help wishing her the success and acclaim she deserves.

Marilyn Ruth was notified only three weeks ago she would represent Canada at St. Moritz, Switzerland, in the forthcoming Olympics. Since then she's been devoting eight hours a day to school figures and exercises, hoping to do well enough in the Olympics to earn a try in the world championships.

Coached by Otto Gold, who has bred Barbara Ann's Olympic coach, Marilyn Ruth will be accompanied by Toronto's Osborne Colson, former Canadian senior champion.

"I'll have 12 days of practice at Zurich before the Olympics," smiled Marilyn Ruth, "lots of time to get used to the 6,000-foot altitude."

The practice won't be too tough, for Marilyn Ruth has had plenty of outdoor experience, and she likes it.

Barbara Ann in the Canadian championships, she started battling about the same time as skating and finds the lessons improve her grace on the ice.

She is scheduled for two London appearances: Wednesday, Arena and the Queen's Ice Club.

Truro Defeats Hawks To Strengthen Grip On League Lead

TRURO, N.S., Jan. 16 - (CP) - Truro defeated a strange but here tonight, running up a 14 victory in a Maritime Senior Hockey League title which shoted out of the head of the pack in League standings.

A rejuvenated Truro squad defeated Moncton even though they were in action for the last three nights and had made the journey back from Saint John, N.B., last night.

Goalie Angus (Sunny) Macdonald was replaced by Earle Bann, who, though inactive most of the season, succeeded in turning up all but three of the 18 Montague attempts. Manager, William O. Macdonald had been dropped and would be given immediate discharge.

At the other end of the net, Sonny's brother, Hughie Macdonald was kept busy handling a total of 39 Truro shots and allowing 9 to slip by.

Four Classes Scheduled For This Afternoon

Four classes are scheduled for the Victoria Driving Club's week-end racing meet at the Victoria Park Speedway at 2:30 this afternoon. If weather conditions are not good, the races will be held on Monday.

Officials of the Club said parking space for cars had been provided. It was so arranged that veterans in the Veterans Wing of the P.E.I. Hospital would have a clear view of the track.

Following are the classes and probable starters:

Class A trot - Mae Todd, Archie Lee, Guy Harvester, Billy Aubrey, Lee Brewer.

Class A pace - C. Albert Budlong, Muriel Henley, Romeo, Reuben Lee, Walt N'Sc.

Class B pace - Nellie Watson, Buddy Budlong, Mollie Dale, Lady Worthy 2nd, Fred Dretz, Sampson Budlong.

Class C trot and pace - Johnny Kalmuck, Belle Belle, Bill Pickles, Billy Fay Lou, Midnight Scott, Mary's Delight.

Winnipeg Rink Wins First Game For Automobiles

NIPAWIN, Sask., Jan. 16 - (CP) - Grant Watson of Winnipeg, with an inter-provincial aggregation from Kenora, Ont., Pin Flon, Man., and Prince Albert, Sask., playing in front of his, today defeated the Crawford Hicks' Winnipeg rink 10-9 in the first game of the \$23,000 Nipawin bouspiel's best-of-three final.

The second game in the series for the 'spiel's major prize of four 1948 model automobiles will start at 11 p.m. C.S.T.

Hockey Challenge

The Charlottetown Heartbreakers Hockey team hereby challenge the Montague hockey team to a game of hockey to be played in Montague Wednesday, 21st of January. Please answer through this paper.

LES HOOPER, Manager

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