Remember When

The $10,000 Diamond Belt the citizens of Boston presented to John L. Sullivan in 1887 was sold at auction in New York for $5,900, 36 years ago today. Sullivan won the London Prize Ring bareknuckle championship in 1882, and defended it for the last time in 1889, against the challenge of Jake Kilrain. Sullivan retired three years after defeating Kilrain and carried the title until his death at the age of 60 at Abington, Mass., in 1918.

GUARDIAN SPORTING NEWS

DOWN - THE - BACK STRETCH

The Harness Horse Calendar of Champions which will shortly be issued carries illustrations of Greyhound 1.55 1-4, world's champion trotter, Rosalind 1.56 3-4, world's champion trotting mare, Billy Direct 1.55, world's champion pacer, The Widower 1.59 1-4, Dean Hanover 1.58 1-2, Ann Vonian 2.02 3-4, Peter Astra 2.00 3-4, Dale Hanover, Spentell, Kuno, Clever Hanover, William Cash, Blackstone and Pasha Volo.

Contracts for the purchase of between six and seven thousand horses from mid-western states have been made recently by representatives of the French Government. It is understood that they will be in the market for many more. Their requirements are for officers' charges and medium heavy draught horses for army service wagons. Before this war is over there will be a demand for a great many more horses of these types. Notwithstanding the mechanization of artillery and transport there still remains a place for the reliable horse.

The surprise of the recent auctions has been the excellent demand and good prices paid for yearlings and the comparatively low prices paid for aged racing material. The reason is said to be that there are so many futurities and big stakes for juveniles (two and three-year-olds) that they have a worth while earning capacity if possessed of sufficient speed and manners. On the other hand engagements for aged horses are fewer and purses are smaller. At the recent Indianapolis sale a yearling pacer sold for $3,800 and various auctions this fall have contributed 52 horses for which $1,000 or more has been paid out.

Hedley T. Fulton, Upper Stewiacke, N.S., sent his two-year-olds by Volomite 2.03 1-4 to the Ohio horse auction but later withdrew them and placed them back again in Dr. H. M. Parshall's stable.

Billy Direct 1.55, world's champion pacer for mile and half-mile rings has been retired from training and will be in the stud at Pennisular Farms, Freemont, Ohio. He was sired by Napoleon Direct 1.59 1-2 and his dam was by Mac Forbes, a descendant of Bingen, 2.06 3-4.

When Billy Direct paced to a world's record in 1.59 3-4 over a half-mile track he was accompanied by an automobile. When Dan Patch 1.55 1-4 paced to the world's record of 2.01—held jointly by himself and three others — he was paced by a runner to cart, and when Dan Patch made his world's record of 1.55 1-4— which Billy Direct lowed this season — he was paced by a runner to cart with windshield so that he was pacing in a sort of vaccum. Shortly after that records made with windshield assistance were not recognized, so horses nowadays that go against records have to pace or trot by their lonesome or else to the accompaniment of a horse, auto or runner which must not precede them on any part of the course.

Lone Ace, 1.59 1-4, one of the top campaigning pacers of recent years, only brought $500 at the recent Indianapolis sale, while his stable mate, the two-year-old Cousin Hal, sold for $1,250. Why Lone Ace brought such a ridiculously low figure is a question horsemen all over America are asking. There were some great bargains in aged trotters and pacers at Indianapolis last week. Mac Bell, trotter from Ben White's stable, only realized $525, while the highly touted Gaunlet (3) 2.04 1-4, winner of the only heat lost by Peter Astra 2.00 3-4, brought $800. Expectations were that he would realize in the thousands but the lack of demand from overseas due to risk of taking horses across the water is no doubt responsible in some measure.

A galaxy of speed is quartered in adjoining paddocks at Hanover Shoe Farms. There a visitor can see Rosalind 1.56 3-4, world's champion trotting mare, Dean Hanover (3) 1.58 1-2, world's champion three and four-year-old trotting stallion, Guy McKinney (4) 1.58 3-4, and Mr. McElwyn 1.59 1-4, while in a distant part of the farms were Peter Manning 1.56 3-4, ex-champion trotter, and Calmuet Evelyn p, 1.59 1-3, t, 1,59 1-4, still the world's double gaited champion, not forgetting the trio of 2.00 sisters, Hanover's Bertha (3) 1.59 1-2, Charlotte Hanover (3) 1.59 1-2 and Miss Bertha Hanover (4) 2.00.

Fall racing got away to a good start at Dufferin track, Toronto, early this month and week-end racing has been featured there since. At the first meeting the 2.16 pace was won by Chestnut Bars, best time 2.10 3-4, the Free for All pace half-mile heats was won by Bert Patch, best time 1.03, the 2.18 pace by Rip Harvester, best time 2 12 1-2. There are upwards of 60 horses quartered at the track and a great season's sport is expected. Racing will continue until after New Years. Quite a number of American horses took part in the first week's racing but failed to make their presence felt against the Canadian steeds.

Sorteado, Charles S. Howard's South American bred four-year-old colt, was destroyed recently. He broke a leg October 12th. This colt lowered the American running record for one and one-half miles at Santa Anita track, California, last March and was one of the greatest individuals that ever stepped on a race track. His death must have caused Lloyd's of London a bit of a headache as he was insured there for $40,000.

Sometime ago in these notes we mentioned where the three-year-old trotter Hillside Scott had won a heat in the 2.15 Trot and Pace at New Glasgow, N.S., September 13th, in 2.14, and that we believed it was a record for three-year-old trotters bred in the Maritime Provinces. We credited Jimmie Sanderson as the driver, but a valued subscriber informs us that it was Albert (Friday) Bryson who handled the reins that day. In fact Friday has been looking after Hillside Scott during his campaign this season and close observers say that he looks like a 2.10 trotter for next season. He started eight times in two years racing and has won four firsts and four seconds and won a heat in all his starts but one. Five times he started with aged horses and as shown above gave a good account of himself. "Friday" Bryson will be remembered as the caretaker of Toll Gate 2.00 3-4 when he set up a track record at Charlottetown of 2.06 1-4, which was subsequently lowered to 2.05 1-4.

Johnny Conroy, one of the most popular if not the most popular, drivers in the Maritime Provinces, is remaining in Amherst, N.S. for the winter. He was "the man behind the gun" in looking after the track and arranging details for the Amherst race meetings this season, and afterwards drove Tracey Hanover 2.04 1-2 to victory at New Glasgow.

The 40th International Live Stock Exhibition, the biggest that has ever been held, will take place at Chicago, Ill., December 2nd to 9th. Cattle breeders will continue with the largest showing of pure bred animals in the history of the Exposition. One of the principal judges will be J. Gordon Davis of Buenos Aires. Other breeds will be equally as prominent as the cattle breeds. For the first time Prince Edward Island will have a representative among the judges, as Bovyer Jones, son of J. Walter Jones, M.A., M.L.A., Bunbury, has been selected for that very important work. Mr. Jones is now completing his final year at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph.

The Ohio Horse Sale held November 9th and 10th was considered a success. Some sixty head of harness horses found new owners. Among the best prices realized was $1,600 for Tom Manning (3) 2.06 1-2, that goes into the stable of Dr. H. M. Parshall. Senator V. 2.01 3-4, a winner all along the line this season, sold for $1,000. Everyone considers that C. P. Mason of Lewiston, Maine, secured a rare bargain in Prince Adam (3) 2.05 1-2, knocked down at $400.

The recent Canadian speed sale at Stratford, Ont., was not productive of high prices. Countess Jane's Girl, a two-year-old brought the highest bid, $325. Standard bred stock among the finest and best developed that has ever been offered the Canadian public, and from Manchester Farm, Galt, and from Spring Creek Farm, Park Hill, brought ridiculously low prices. Manchester Farm yearlings were nearly all by Lee Harvester 2.16 1-2, who tops all speed siring stallions in Canada. Prices ranged from $60.00 to $325. About 24 were disposed of.

Mac Abbey, that brought only $525 at the Indianapolis sale two weeks ago, was the winner of the Free for All Trot and Pace at Little Valley, N.Y., September 2nd, beating a bunch of good Canadian pacers including Dillon M. 2.04 1-4, time, 2.09, 2.06, 2.07 1-2.

Periodic opthalmia (moon blindness) which is believed to affect at least 5% of all horses and mules in the United States, particularly those raised in certain parts of the Central States, is being investigated by United States authorities with a view to taking steps towards its elimination. Horsemen will remember that good little pacing stallion Dingola, that Fred Cameron brought from the mid-West and raced successfully then sold him to J. B. Mitchell of Halifax, who won several races with him, then sent him to Walter Cox for Grand Circuit racing. He took a record of 2.05 1-2 in a winning race over a mile ring. Dingola was a blind horse.

August 25th to Labor Day, 1940, the New York State Fair will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its founding. They will give six days of harness racing and one day of auto racing.

Down in New Zealand American sires are leaders in the production of speed. The pacing sire Jack Pots heads the list. Since last August his progeny have won 99 races and dead-heated in one, have been second 90 times and third 76 times. The family stake-earnings amount to $115,000. Racing in Australia and New Zealand is on the dash system. Another good sire is Calumet Axworth. Jack Pots was bred in Indiana and selected for the New Zealanders by Bob Smith of California. He is the man that brought out Sweet Marie 2.02, a sensational trotter of 1904.

F. H. Copp, M.L.A., the well known horseman of Port Elgin, N. B., was an easy winner in the recent New Brunswick provincial elections. He was a visitor to Charlottetown Thursday of this week attending the Provincial Fox Show.

DANBY, England —(CP) —Viscount Downe is "doing his bit" to help out the London zoo by "adopting" for duration of the war the two bears he presented to the zoo in 1934. Their feed bill was a heavy drain on the zoo.

Maple Leafs To Use Many Rookies In Line-up Announcement

TORONTO, Nov. 23—(CP) —Riding along without a defeat in five National Hockey League games, Toronto Maple Leafs decided tonight to employ as many rookies as possible in their home contest with New York Americans tomorrow.

Hank Goldup from Toronto's senior amateur team of last season, will make his first professional start on a forward line with Pete Langelle and Lex Chisholm. Among veterans who will watch from the sidelines will be Captain Red Horner, Gus Marker, Pep Kelly, Murph Chamberlain and Sweeney Schriner.

Only Wally Stanowski 20-year-old defenceman who has a chipped foot-bone, will be missing from the big group of newcomers on the Leaf team. Billy Taylor, Don Metz and Red Heron, all new acquisitions who have played impressively, will form one forward line.

The four-year-old combination of Syl Apps, Gordon Drillon and Bob Davidson will form the first forward line as usual and Nick Metz will see reserve forward duty. Rookie Jack Church will play on the defence with Bingo Kaampman, while Bucko McDonald and Reg Hamilton will work together and Turk Broda will be in goal.

Toronto moves on to New York for a return game with Americans Sunday night.

The league- leading Canadiens take on Detroit in Montreal Saturday night, while on Sunday, Detroit will be at home to Chicago, and Boston will entertain New York Rangers.

No announcement was forthcoming from Red Rutton, American's manager tonight, after he had told his player's to attend today's practice with their railway timetables on hand as "we have to make some changes and we might as well make them now .

BOWLING RESULTS

HOLY NAME BOWLING

Big Four League
FIVE ACES

G. McDonald	175	181	226
J. Callaghan	181	193	199
A. McCloskey	199	207	226
H. Craswell	159	153	213
E. Robin	337	191	188

Total—3028.

GRADS

V. Pineau	249	285	244
L. Brown	203	182	210
R. McLellan	127	158	178
G. Stewart	233	408	199
Low Score	159	153	188

Total—3176.

High Single, Gordon Stewart 408.

High Three, Gordon Stewart 840.

Next game in this League, Monday night at 9 o'clock.

All Stars Vs. Grads.

Mixed League

HUMBUGS:

C. Pineau	161	195	228
J. Coyle	136	162	165
M. McLellan	187	164	144
M. Brown	201	135	91
J. McLeod	190	114	81
E. Curley	95	135	133

Total—2722.

DODGERS

E. Callaghan	210	162	175
R. Doiron	136	213	222
P. Harper	217	190	173
A. Coyle	171	122	182
M. Connolly	111	130	145
A. Walsh	126	100	148

Total—2933.

Ladies High Single, P. Harper 217.

Ladies High Three, P. Harper 580.

Gents High Single, C. Pineau 228.

Gents High Three, C. Pineau 584.

EARLY BIRDS

F. Slocombe	200	185	218
C. LeClair	173	204	163
A. Garrett	122	81	84
M. Hillier	118	123	109
F. Sinnott	88	97	110
I. Dougan	115	126	160

Total—2476.

EAGLES

G. Young	155	165	188
E. Warren	130	112	141
C. Shelfoone	88	161	133
M. McKinnon	115	97	103
L. Corrigan	160	186	134

Total—2436.

Ladies High Single, L. Corrigan 186.

Ladies High Three, L. Corrigan 480.

Gents High Single, F. Slocombe 218.

Gents High Three, F. Slocombe 603

RABBITS:

J. McQuaid	200	197	175
A. Kelly	176	153	186
J. Kelly	80	113	137
Low Score	130	95	108
Low Score	130	111	96
G. Coady	95	180	175

Total—2537.

BLUE BIRDS

R. Ellison	206	190	176
E. Vessey	165	153	165
R. McFarlane	138	144	179
D. Brown	151	128	108
P. Lawlor	164	95	150
L. Ellison	156	111	96

Total—2675.

Ladies High Single, G. Coady 180.

Ladies High Three, R. McFarlane 461.

Gents High Single, R. Ellison 206.

Gents High Three, R. Ellison and J. McQuaid 572.

Military Training Sharpens Maple Leafs

TORONTO, Nov. 24—(CP)—Military training is sharpening Toronto Maple Leafs for both the National Hockey League campaign and for the war the 22 members of the club expect to enter when the present season ends.

The Leafs spent this morning drilling with machine guns and rifles at Long Branch Rifles.

Claude Bourque, the Canadian's goaler, looks rather formidable in his playing togs. In the first game played Claude had two goals scored against him but in the second game put up a perfect defense.

Victorias In Tie Place In C. B. League

SYDNEY, N. S., Nov. 24—(CP)—North Sydney Victorias climbed into a tie for first place in the Cape Breton Hockey League with Sydney Millionaires tonight by pinning a 5-4 defeat on the wobbling Millionaires who at one time held a 4-0 lead.

Led by defenceman Craig, who tallied twice himself and assisted in all three others, Victorias rolled merrily through the locals after the first period. Hannon cut down the Sydney lead by one goal in the second, and Clifton, Rod Anderson and Craig won the game in the final period .

NEW YORK, Nov. 24—Billy Conn of Pittsburgh, recognized in New York and California as the light heavyweight champion, today was awarded the Eddie Neil Memorial Trophy for 1939 by the New York Boxing Writers Association.

Conn was judged to have done the most for boxing during the year. The first award of the trophy, in honor of the former Associated Press sports writer and war correspondent killed in the Spanish civil war, went to Jack Dempsey last year. Joe Louis was the only other fighter given consideration.

Keep Minard's in the home.

Commercial-Service League To Be Formed

Hockey prospects for the City for the coming season which were at a low ebb improved considerably last night at a meeting held in the R.C.N.V.R. Barracks when a four team Commercial-Service league was formed comprising a Naval team, Rangers, Saint Dunstan's and Royals. Representatives from each club were present and if present plans materialize it is expected that the league will get underway on Dec. 15th.

Fr. Oswald Murphy of Saint Dunstan's University was elected president of the newly-formed league with D. K. McLeod vice-president, Chas. McKinnon secretary and Lt. Don Grant Treasurer.

A committee composed of Fr. Murphy, Lt. Grant, D. K. McLeod and Charles McKinnon was also appointed to interview Forum officials in order to make the necessary arrangements conducive to the successful running of the league.

Fred Moore and Roy Prowse were suggested as officials to handle all league games which are expected to be played on Tuesday and Friday nights of each week.

AMHERST PRESIDENT

AMHERST, N. S., Nov. 24 —(CP) —Oswald M. Baird tonight was re-elected president of the Amherst hockey club with Lyon Kaufman as his vice-president and Charles MacLeod secretary-treasurer. A senior team will be entered in the central section Maritime amateur hockey association and a town league will be formed.

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Rangers To Ice Strong Hockey Squad

Rangers hockey club that did well last year—their first in fast company—are again laying plans for this season and will have a team in this year's Commercial-Service League that should be hard to knock out of the picture. Although they have lost several players through enlistment with Canadian Active Forces and migrations to mainland teams nevertheless they are still capable of icing a strong squad, as a glance at the list below will clearly show.

Monday evening the club is holding a meeting at the Forum at 8 o'clock sharp at which final organization plans will be discussed and it is expected that a large attendance will be on hand. All players and prospective players are anxious to get going and Rangers are looking forward to a great season.

In addition to a senior squad Rangers also have in mind the formation of a junior team and any junior, not connected with other junior clubs in the city, is cordially invited to attend the get-together.

Following are the players available for the Rangers organization: Reg Flannigan, Fulton Pound, Jim Hogan, Walter Lawlor, Wendall Cudmore, Levi Blacquiere, Stan McClintock, Ossie Wood, Plum MacDonald, Murray Carmichael, Jack Crockett, Vince Grant, Watson MacEwen, Had McInnis, Allison Gillis, McAdam, Douglas Saunders, Everett Jay.

CUPID NO HELP

HOLLOWAY, England —(CP)—A German woman spy who tried to avoid arrest by marrying an Englishman after war was declared, has been interned in the prison here for the duration of the war.

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IN THIS CORNER

Providing necessary arrangements can be made—and it is expected that this end of thing will be ironed out satisfactorily—it appears as if the City hockey fans will not want for any lack of games during the coming season.

Although the war and migration of several players to Cape Breton ranks have bitten deeply into available hockey talent nevertheless there is such a wealth of material left that it appears as if the proposed Commercial-Service league would blossom into the best local league seen hear in a number of years.

All four teams, Navy, St. Dunstan's, Rangers and Royals have strong lineups available. Organization work on each squad hasn't been done in any haphazard manner but rather officers of each club have been working steadily the past several weeks and are capable of icing a team at a moment's notice.

Surmising that the league will start on Dec. 5th, the Navy squad will enter it more or less favorites. Bolstered by the presence of several of last year's starry Junior Royals who have joined the colors and supplemented by several seasoned seniors the "Tars" are bound to lineup a formidable squad.

But the same can be said of the other three. Saints with a year's intercollegiate experience behind them will be steadier this year. Rangers, suffering the loss of several players through migration and the war have filled the gaps admirably and Royals, still with a powerful junior outfit through replacement can be expected to give the other three sixes a battle every inch of the way.

Taken all in all formation of this league has put a very bright outlook on hockey activities here for the coming season and gives the answer to the question that has often been asked during the past several weeks whether or not there will be any hockey here or not. Indications now are that there will be plenty of it with some of the most stirring competition ever witnessed in a local league.

Commenting on the controversy which at present is raging over whether or not Syl Apps of the Toronto Maple Leafs is the greatest player of all time. Baz O'Meara has the following:

The discussion whether Apps is the greatest player of all time which is being gleefully fanned into flame by Connie Symthe is getting out of hand.

Players are judged on their record over a long stretch. It takes more than two or three years to set the seal of greatness on a star. But no doubt two years from now this observer will be chanting in the chorus proclaiming the merits of the Appian way, and declaring him one of the noblest Romans of them all. Provided he keeps up his present gait.

You can say that there is no more gentlemanly hockey player. He plays the game as it should be played. Apps gets bumped around a lot, receives an occasional penalty, but he never retaliates. You never see him charge an opponent into the board, trip players or hand them five or six inches of butt end. Not the Apps.

Fifteen years ago it was nothing to have an occasional cracked skull, real fights on the ice in which all players took part, but those days have gone forever. The trend is towards the Apps style of play, the sort of thing that Trudell, Drouin and Lorrain serve up as well as George Mantha and other speeders.

Islanders playing in the Cape Breton Hockey League are doing right well by themselves ever since the starting of the loop and almost daily all eight, Stull, Kane, Whitlock, McKinnon, McEachern Squarebriggs and Williams are figuring in the scoring. Langille and Stull are not doing any scoring themselves but by clever goaltending are keeping down opposing snipers' scores while the other half dozen are getting their quota of counters, Whitlock just recently, keeping up his playoff work of last year as a junior, scoring goals in two successive games that gave his team Northside Victorias, well-deserved wins.

By EDWINA

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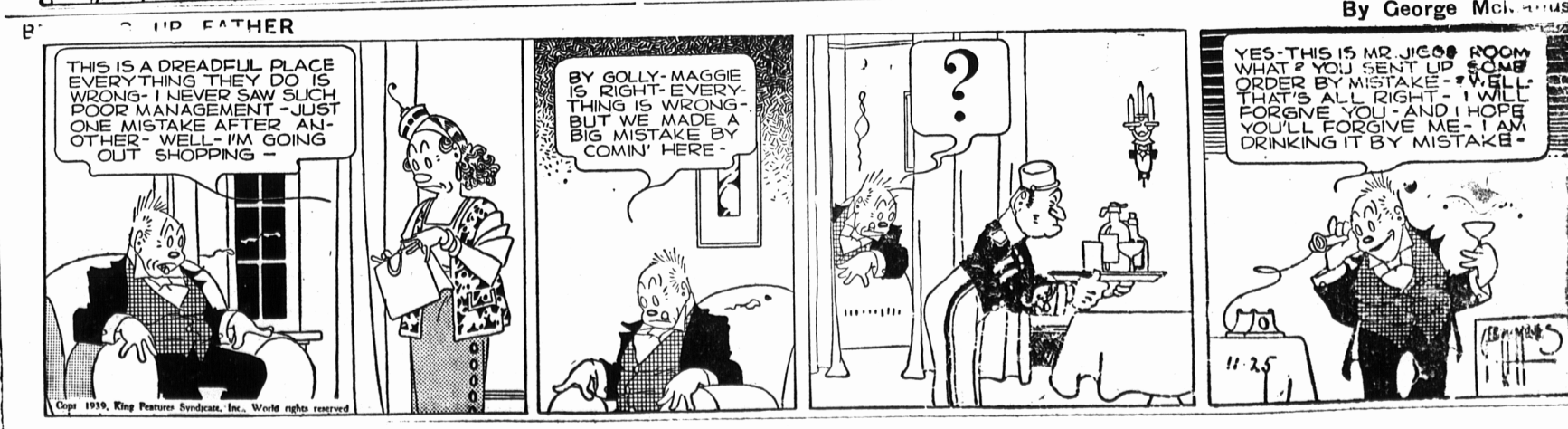
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