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DOWN -The- BACK STRETCH

Don't forget that next Saturday, June 14th, is final payment day for the Victoria Driving Club stakes and horses must be named.

We had the pleasure of a visit from John K. Falconer of Bradshaw on Thursday and had a good talk about some of the old-time races, particularly the Dick C.—College Swift race in 1920. Mr. Falconer has completely recovered from his operation of last year and looks and feels as fit as a fiddle. He bears an honored name, a relative, Robert Falconer was one of the great educators of Canada and president of Toronto University. John's Dad came to this country in 1848 and helped, with other pioneers, to make it a land worth living in.

Charles Willis has purchased a splendid prospect in Lynn Worthy, a trotting gelding by Abbe Worthy 2:05, which he obtained a few days ago from Jack McKay. Mount Hope, Lynn Worthy was 4-2-2 in a class at Riverside last October, best time 2:24.

C. Ernest English has a good program for June 9th, it being the season's opening meet of the R. A. Ferguson Memorial Race Track, Pictou, N.S. There are five classes each for a purse of \$200, and each race consists of two heats or mile dashes. The No. 1 is a Free For All; the No. 2 Classified 2:19 and up; No. 3, 2:22 and up; No. 4, 2:24 and up; and No. 5 a slow class, and if this class fills to over-flowing it will be split into two classes. The track is offering special drivers awards for the season of 1947. These include \$100, in prizes and trophies for first, second, third and fourth. Points awarded on the basis of five, three, two and one for placings.

The R. A. Ferguson Memorial track has put Pictou on the racing map in no uncertain way and the kind reception accorded to visiting horsemen by Mr. and Mrs. English last fall has not been forgotten. Several Island stables are planning to make the trip to Pictou for June 9th and no doubt horsemen from New Glasgow, Truro, Amherst, Bridgewater and other centres will be there in force. Mr. English has put a lot of work on the track and plans to have it in the best of shape for the coming meet. Teddy Weir is training four head every day. These are Scotty Budlong, C. Harry Budlong, Iris Abbe and Daisy Dean. Herb Weisner's Prince Marine is being trained by the owner and Mr. Weisner's father is training a nice two-year-old, Miss Real Money, sire, Real Money 2:09. (Full brother to Cold Cash 1:58, dam, Aliset 2:12, by Longest 2:06 1/4). Other horses in training there are Money Direct, Miss Friday, and Marietta Guy. Future race meets other than June 9th are July 16th and Exhibition race dates September 3-4. The writer regrets not being able to accept the kind invitation of Mr. English to be present at his opening meet.

Rodney 2, 2:02, fastest two-year-old of 1946, sired by Spencer Scott

SPORTING NEWS

JUNE 7, 1947

THE CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN



IN THE CORNER

The defending champions West End Anchors help pry the lid off the local baseball season tomorrow afternoon when they clash with a much strengthened Rover outfit in the season's inaugural, and interest in the league has been such that indications point to a record opening day crowd being on hand for the encounter.

Due to migration of several players to other clubs the defending title holders will present many new faces on their revamped lineup but nevertheless both manager Fred McCabe and coach Charlie Ryan are well satisfied with their new charges and are looking forward to furnishing a few surprises.

Rovers, made up of veterans and youths, have what many fans consider the strongest team in the league. Untested as yet they have, however, been showing surprising form in workouts and look strong in every department.

No pre-game predictions have been emanating from their camp, however. Coach Freddie Whalen has been going along in a quiet manner selecting his starting lineup and although no inkling has been forthcoming as to what players he will field, whatever combination he chooses are bound to be well balanced afield and at bat.

Golfers will have their innings also over the holiday weekend. First stage of the President's Match today plus a sweepstakes event on Monday should give a large number of golfers a chance to get in their opening drives and if the weatherman decides to cooperate the greens and fairways of Belvedere Club should be pretty thickly populated on Saturday and Monday.

Rumor has it that Larry (Pop Off) MacPhail may drop out of the New York Yankee picture before the end of the season.

When you pause to think of the wide assortment of trouble he has brewed for himself, such reports are not too hard to believe. Since before the start of the present campaign he has been at war with baseball's high commissioner, Happy Chandler, as well as various New York newspapermen who don't like his way of going business.

Then, too, there is the recent trouble he has had with a number of his star performers such as Joe DiMaggio, catcher Aaron Robinson and others.

However, MacPhail has always been an unpredictable sort of an individual who, just when you are sure he is going to do one thing, will cross you up.

One thing is sure, the Yankees under the MacPhail regime are a far cry from the Yankees of old. Loquacious Larry likes to run things like a three-ring circus and many of the old Yankee players will probably never get used to his way of operating.

Maybe MacPhail wasn't responsible, but it does seem odd that the Yankees have played much better baseball since the recent so-called player rebellion when several members of the team objected to being forced to travel by air and others got really peeved over being fined for refusing to act as guinea pigs for some of Larry's promotional schemes.

Prior to the uprising the New York club had been losing more games than they were able to win but since then they have climbed steadily until now they are in second place behind the Detroit Tigers. Key man in the improved showing of the Yankees—as well as one of those fined by MacPhail—has been Joe DiMaggio. He has been hitting the ball more robustly than at any time since he came out of the armed services and as long as he continues to go well, the New Yorkers are bound to be dangerous.

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Inter-Maritime Rifle Shoot June 21

The annual Inter-Maritime Rifle Shoot with one team representing each of the three Maritime Provinces, is to take place on the 21st June at the Bedford rifle range, Halifax, N. S.

This is the first shoot to be held since June 24th, 1939, when at the Kensington range at Charlottetown, the N. S. team defeated the Island team by a small margin of two points, with the N. B. entry trailing in third position by 11 points.

The rifles to be used this year, will be the new No. 4 Mk. 1, with sights as issued (battle sights). The teams will be composed of a Captain, coach and eight shooting members, with the match consisting of two sighting rounds and seven rounds at the two, five and seven-hundred yard ranges.

The practice meet, to decide who will represent P.E.I., is to be held on June 9th, 11th, and 13th, and is to be open to all who wish to contest.

The Squaw Point range, near T-Hill, will be open for practice on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, of next week at 1:30 p.m. and the other days of the week except Sunday at 4 p.m.

Baseball's Big Six

By The Associated Press
(Three players in each league)

Player and Club G A B R H Pct.
x-Walker, Phillies 42 142 21 53 373
x-Burdette, Ind. 34 124 20 46 363
x-Slaughter, Cards 44 168 23 59 352
x-D'Arigio, Yanks 39 148 30 52 351
x-Spence, Senators 31 106 15 37 349
x-Haes, R.C.s 39 153 26 52 349
Runs Gatted in—National League, Mize, Giants 41; American League, x-Keller, Yankees, 35.
Home runs—National League, Mize, Giants 15; National League, x-Keller, Yankees, 13.
x-Playing night games.

South African Golf Star Plenty Hot

By Ray Timson, Canadian Press Staff Writer

TORONTO, June 7.—(CP)—The eyes of the Empire will follow South Africa's Bobby Locke over every green and fairway when he sets off in the American National Open Golf tourney.

"Bring 'ome the pork for the British" will be the cry and from the interest shown in Canada recently, the "bring 'ome" squeak may drop out the Star Spangled Banner.

Canadians coast to coast are all agog over the current accomplishments of this divot-digger from below the equator. He has been in the United States only two months, has entered six American top-flight golf matches and triumphed in four.

That's a good average in any man's league, writes Jim (Woodstock Sentinel-Review) McKay who believes "Canucks are pulling for Locke to win that title."

And no wonder. Alex (Halifax Herald) Nickerson says that up until two months ago, U. S. golf-writers "were fond of saying that while Great Britain and the Dominions possibly had better amateur golfers, the men who played for keeps in the States—such sensational pros as Ben Hogan, Byron Nelson, Sam Snead and Jimmy Demaret—far outclassed their fellow pros in the British Empire."

Then Locke arrived. OOO! Who gave that man a passport. Adds Alex: "Though the American amateurs had taken both the Walker Cup and the British amateur championships back to the United States, South Africa and the Empire could rejoice in the amazing accomplishments of Bobby Locke, on his record the greatest pro of 1947."

Shattered dreams—Chick (Stratford Beacon-Herald) Appel has taken exception to the "dream game" proposed by the National Hockey governors. "We may be wrong," begins Chick, "but we fall to see where this type of game really settles anything, beyond a lot of cash in the coffers of the league."
The league proposes to hold the first "dream game" in Toronto, Oct. 13, with the Stanley Cup champion Toronto Maple Leafs exchanging the rubber with an all-star team.
"This is a waste of time," declares Chick. "Players who have seldom, if ever played together just cannot show to their best form. If the league wants to raise funds for a pension scheme for the players or to assist injured players, take a percentage of all the games or work out some other scheme."
Frequent bathing, says doctors, does more than ensure cleanliness. It helps tone up the system. And as weather is getting warmer, Canadians are advised to make bathing a daily must.



HUNTERS' CORNER

'Jim' Crow, arch enemy of our game birds and a continual searcher for nests of our black ducks, Huns, pheasants, etc. as well as our valuable song birds, is busy feeding families of little black 'Jims' that will come day in and day out, not far distant future, be following step by step the destructive actions of their old man.

Crows are very numerous this season and as usual are getting in a share of their dirty work. A week ago I heard a city sportsman remark: "I saw a crow the other day kill twice as many black ducks in a few minutes as I shot all last fall." He was referring to a black duck nest containing 10 eggs that was built on the edge of the Golf Links wood. The young were about ready to break the shell when the crow found it and when our sportsman friend reached the scene the black rascal was putting the finishing touches on his work of destruction—empty egg shells from which the contents had been removed through a hole in one end, littered the ground in the vicinity of the nest site.

I have also seen them attacking broods of ducks that had been caught rapping and left stranded in pot holes in a marsh by the falling tide. Crows can wade down and kill ducks on third grown when they are caught out in the open flats.

The prospects for woodcock look bright for the coming season, although the count of singing males completed on the four mapped 'singing grounds' on May 23rd showed a slight decrease over last spring. Two of the singing grounds, French Village and Conway (Prince County) showed a slight decrease. Adverse weather conditions on the Conway were checked as a falling off in number of singing males over last season. It turned very cold toward evening and the wind reached a high velocity. Five of Keefer's Lake broke down with last year with a count of 14.

Woodcock are considered a valuable game bird and few persons realize the number present in the province from April until early fall. Observers are of the opinion that many of the birds migrate before the shooting season starts on October 1st. During April and May and on favourable evenings until early June, the males may be heard giving their flight song in most every section of the province where suitable cover is available.

As a fair example, on Monday evening, June 1st, I checked one of the various beaver dams across the river. It was a calm warm night and as darkness settled, a slight drizzle of rain commenced to fall. It was 8:30 o'clock when I emerged from the swamp and entered a combination swale and grown over hayfield. When I stepped to get my bearings I heard a male giving his flight song in the air to my left and another making the familiar "PEENT" on the ground, also to my left. A third male was giving his aerial flight song over a second growth hardwood to my right.

I started to walk across the field, I almost stepped on a woodcock that brushed my knee with its wings as it rose in the air. Suspecting it was a female with a brood of young I stopped and gave the ground a careful scrutiny. It was so dark I didn't expect to see anything but was agreeably surprised to see a brood of four about the size of day old domestic chickens.

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Ace McCloskey And Mooney Signed For Forum Bout June 14

Jimmy Mooney and Ace McCloskey will definitely fight a 10-round battle for the Maritime middleweight title at the Forum Saturday night, June 14th, promoter Charles Archer stated to this paper last night.

Archer, co-promoter with Gussie McEllan, produced a joint contract signed by McCloskey and Sam Allain, the latter Mooney's manager, also individual contracts signed by Mooney and McCloskey, both agreeing to the date and terms offered. In addition correspondence that has been carried on for the past week or so was also displayed and judging by the document it appears evident that the pair will tangle on the June 14th date at the Forum.

Remainder of the card that is being looked forward to eagerly by the fight fans of the City and Province hasn't been definitely decided upon as yet but promoter Archer added that the entire card will produce some of the hottest action ever witnessed in an Island ring.

City Ball League Opens Tomorrow

The City Baseball League gets underway Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. at Victoria Park when the two battle-scarred rivals of old, the Rovers and Anchors tangle in the official league opener.

From all reports, this game promises to be a battle from the time the first ball is thrown until the last one is caught.

Both squads have been turning in some fast moving practice sessions which should warrant a good game for the spectators, so let's see plenty of you "ball fans" there to give the boys the moral support they need to start it off for a bang-up season.

Lay Plans For Dom. Bonspiel

CALGARY, June 6.—(CP)—Plans for staging the dominion curling championship playoff, to be held in Calgary for the first time March 1-4, 1948, were discussed last night at the organization meeting of the Calgary Dominion playdowns committee, Alberta branch of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club.

Bowling

HOLY NAME ALLEYS
Big Four League—Finals

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| Arabs:— | | | | |
| Dr. Duffy | 200 | 200 | 280 | |
| E. Rice | 256 | 256 | 225 | |
| T. McKinnon | 209 | 164 | 216 | |
| A. McFarlane | 262 | 227 | 184 | |
| E. Smith | 183 | 263 | 223 | |
| Total—3367. | | | | |
| Five Aces:— | | | | |
| G. Stewart | 209 | 213 | 256 | |
| G. McDonald | 214 | 236 | 191 | |
| E. Robin | 148 | 233 | 232 | |
| H. Craswell | 278 | 206 | 196 | |
| J. Lawlor | 187 | 214 | 181 | |
| Total—3194. | | | | |
| High single Dr. L. Duffy 290. | | | | |
| High three E. Rice 737. | | | | |
| Points: Arabs 5; Five Aces 0. | | | | |

LONDON.—(CP)—London's shortest-lived musical in recent years, "The Red Mill," was withdrawn after 15 performances.

NOTICE

Final payment on entries in Victoria Driving Club Stakes due and payable on June 14th, when horses must be named.
A. B. CUTCLIFFE
Secretary.

Golf Matches This Afternoon And Monday

Members of the Belvedere Golf Club are expected to be out in large numbers this afternoon and Monday for competition in the two matches that have been arranged.

This afternoon the first stage of the President's Match, a look-ahead-forward to annual event will be played, while a Sweepstake will be arranged for Monday afternoon.

Race Meets At Pictou And Sydney Monday

PICTOU, N.S., June 6.—(CP)—The opening race meet of the Nova Scotia racing circuit will be held here Monday with five classes on the card.

Four well-known Maritime horses have been entered in the free-for-all: Chuck Worthy, owned by Harry Hirsch of Sydney; Tip Abbe from New Glasgow's Duddy Patch Club; Walnut Abbey and Cyril Dauphinee's Great G.

Four classified events are also on the card.

SYDNEY, N. S., June 6.—(CP)—Twenty-two horses have entered the opening light harness meet at the sports centre Monday. Murray Vail, manager, announced tonight, free-for-all, will be run off, all over the mile. Purses in all events will be \$300.

Remembers When

The Argentine government paid \$150,000 for Craganour, the colt which finished first in the Derby 34 years ago today, but was disqualified for fouling in the stretch. A. B. Clunliffe's Aboyer was declared the winner after Craganour's disqualification.

Races At Riverside

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25th
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I would advise all horsemen to secure their eligibility certificates as soon as possible.
(Photograph Finish)
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