



DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

We have received from James L. Read, Truro, a description of the proposed changes in the Truro race track which are scheduled to take place in two weeks when workmen will start digging holes for installing fifty high poles to carry the wire and lights. The electric system will be one of the best in Canada and race fans will have a clear vision to follow the horses down the back stretch, home stretch and finish line.

Stables will be repaired and painted white and a cinder path is now being laid on outside of the track to enable trainers to jog their horses for exercise during the wet weather. All the fences will be white washed and everything given a spic and span look so as to form a background for the lights. A new pari-mutuel system will be installed so that those who wish to speculate will have every opportunity.

The new company will be known as the Truro Raceways, Ltd., and it will have the sole privilege to conduct races over the track, both night racing and afternoon racing including the Provincial Exhibition meet. One of the top promoters is Fred Lahey of Dartmouth, N.S., whose name is familiar to race fans all over the Maritimes because of his ownership of great trotters and pacers including Jollity 2:05 1/4, holder of the Bridgewater, N.S., track record and one of the fastest free-for-alls ever brought to the Maritimes. The first night racing meet is scheduled for June 18th.

At present there are a number of horses stabled at the Truro raceway including Johnny Conroy's stable with Sandy D. 2:09, Fosdale Clipper 2:08 1/4, Quaker Boy 2:14, Single Streak 2:10, Ant-Aircraft 2:03, and Johnny Campbell's stable, members of which are Marjorie Hanover 2:10 and Kerwin Hanover 2:15. These two were raced at Dufferin Track, Toronto, and won several events there during the winter. Johnny expects to have two or three more horses in the next few weeks.

The new company will have a number of Truro stockholders and the track manager will be Carl MacKenzie, well known and popular Truro race horse owner, who was secretary of the Exhibition races two years ago.

We thank Dr. F. C. Dougan, Charlottetown, well known presiding judge and starter for his booklet with 1940 eligibility lists of trotters and pacers now owned or raced in the Maritimes. Upwards of 500 horses are placed in their proper classifications starting with the free-for-all trot and free-for-all pace. A horse's name and record is given, then his winnings and class eligibility. The trotters and pacers are separated. There is also a Question and Answer on the most important rules that the driver or owner is required to know. This feature is much appreciated, also the other matter contained in the booklet, which must have taken considerable time and effort to compile. On page one there is an illustration paying a tribute to the late E. F. Acorn, J. Wilfred Boulter, William Brown and Thomas Holmes, which as it states, "truly will long live in our memory as enthusiastic followers of the Sport of Kings."

We were delighted to receive in

the mail last evening the following short letter from Cedric Boulter, son of our late friend J. Wilfred Boulter, who is professor of archaeology at the University of Cincinnati. Cedric writes from Lexington, Kentucky: "Just a word of greeting from the Blue Grass country. I think you would find much here to interest you. The meadows are exceptionally beautiful—more green than blue though—at least just now." Enclosed was a picture of Calumet Farm residence, situated among beautiful trees, and Calumet Farm stables and grounds, also a booklet entitled "Tours of the Blue Grass Where Romance and Tradition Still Live. Particularly featured are the thoroughbred and harness horse farms which attract hundreds of thousands of visitors each year. All are made welcome and shown around by attendants and given every courtesy. Thanks, Cedric, for remembering us."

Joe Hennessy, son of Wal Hennessy, who has in the past few seasons drove some of the fastest horses in the Maritimes, will this year conduct a public training stable and is ready to accept horses to be trained or raced. Last he campaigned Kavola 2:06 1/4, Bee Budlong 2:15, Roy Shelburne 2:09 1/4 and also drove a few horses for other owners. Kavola won four starts, a total of seven heats. Joe also placed two horses in the 2:10 list, Frank Dillard and Junior Hal and won the Free For All Trot at the Provincial Exhibition, Charlottetown, August 11th, with Fast Train. Nell Kalmuck won the first heat in 2:13 1-5, Fast Train winning the next two in 2:11 4-5 and 2:11 2-5. Marjorie Hanover was 3-2-2, five other starters. Fast Train was owned by Vernon H. Irving, Shelburne, N. B., and is now being trained in Florida where Mr. and Mrs. Irving are sojourning. Joe has already received a new inmate to his stable in the pacing mare Eleanor G. 2:10 1/4 that has raced in the ownership of Urban Gillis, Miscouche.

Commander George H. Buntain and Mrs. Buntain returned early this week from a trip south which took them as far as Florida. We thank Commander Buntain for the following news account of their enjoyable holiday:—"Probably some of the readers of your column would be interested in hearing about my trip South and the visits we made to the different training tracks. I called at Hanover Shoe Farm en route South and inspected the stallion stable, saw the mares with foal at foot, also the yearlings which were out in pasture; the surrounding country was lovely and wonderful pasture land.

"Called in Sunday afternoon at Macon, Ga., but not much activity at the track that day. They have a half mile track and a mile track all in one, and on the back stretch if you want to go the mile you keep to the right. Saw the horses of Wayne Smart, Ora Dunkin and others. After returning from Nassau we called on Mr. and Mrs. Joe O'Brien at Orlando, Florida. We were the first Maritimers they had met since last fall and they were very kind to us. We went out early two mornings to the track with them and saw the horses training at

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Toronto Leafs Take 3-2 Overtime Victory From Detroit In Opener

By Jack Sullivan
DETROIT, April 8.—(CP)—Joe Klukay tonight lifted Toronto Maple Leafs into a one-game lead over Detroit Red Wings in the Stanley Cup finals when he fired a back-hand shot into the Wing net after nearly 18 minutes of overtime to win the game 3-2.

The left-winger took a pass from Ray Timgren and Detroit goalie Harry Lumley didn't even see Klukay's shot. Gus Mortson also got an assist.

Few of the 13,445 crowd saw the corner shot as the two teams got away in their best-of-seven final play-off.

Toronto, defending cup holder, defeated Detroit in four straight games in last year's finals. This year, the Leafs finished fourth and disposed of Boston Bruins in five games in the semi-final play-off. Detroit, the league champion, edged Montreal four games to three in the other bracket.

Tonight's game was slow in the first two periods, but then it became a good settled outfield made up of young and speedy talent; because they have power at the plate; because they have good catching; because they improved themselves by trades over the winter and because they are the champs.

"On the questionable side of the ledger we must consider: (1) The Red Sox forced the Indians into a sudden-death playoff last year before losing out in the flag race and the Red Sox should be lining up over last year; (2) The key players of the Tribe, Manager Lou Boudreau and Joe Gordon, had their best years last season and age and physical handicaps may cramp their style; (3) a possible let-down in pennant fever and a tendency of the players to live on their laurels; (4) The sophomore jinx which may catch up with Pitzer Gene Bearden and Larry Doby, the Negro outfielder and (5) injuries to key players.

"So, you are leaving yourself out in case the Red Sox upset your choice, you say? Of course we are. We'd be nuts if we didn't. Boston will be dangerous and might easily win in a breeze if Manager Joe McCarthy can come up with a serviceable pitching staff. That was all that beat the Sox last year.

"But we still lean slightly toward the Indians because they have added to their talent and should be better than they were in '48. The winter trades added Mickey Vernon to play first base, Mike Tresli to help the catching, and Pitzer Gene Bearden and Early Wynn to load the staff with first-rate flingers. Of the rookie pitchers Mike Garcia appears to have the best chance to stick.

"The outfield problem, which was a day by day mystery last season, should be settled. The infield has capable replacements, including two rookies who had fine records.

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HUNTERS' CORNER

Just seven more days till the fishing season opens midnight on Saturday April 16th. The fishing licenses now available at all R.C.M.P. detachments in the province as well as at the P.E.I. Travel Bureau, Charlottetown.

Fishing licenses are a very essential part of an angler's equipment so don't overlook this necessary item. "Don't delay—buy today" is an appropriate slogan. If you take a chance and try your luck without one there's no telling which will be first... the fish or the game warden.

Prospects are favourable for a good catch on the opening morning. The danger of freshets is considered past unless there is a drastic change in weather conditions. The water appears to be soaking into the ground. The heavy snow and rainfall on Wednesday night and Thursday morning did not affect the streams as one might suppose. They were running fairly strong but were far from raging torrents full from bank to bank.

Everywhere one sees signs of spring. The Hungarian partridge have paired off with few exceptions and some sections are well stocked with potential breeding stock. The Huns wintered well. About the only effect the severe March weather had on them was to weed out the weak and aged birds and thus we are assured of strong and healthy breeding stock for the coming season. A few scattered casualties have been reported, one here and a pair there, but on the whole the storms may be considered beneficial if not too prolonged. Nature has her own way of culling out undesirable breeding specimens.

Favoured with a normal breeding season it is this columnist's opinion that we will have double the number of Huns this coming fall than we had last hunting season notwithstanding the thousands of foxes at large in the province. If the red fox was half as hard on the partridge as he is alleged to be by some, they'd be hard put to survive let alone increase. If my prediction comes true and we have two Huns this fall for every one we had last, that in itself should give the lie to all this hocus pocus about the red fox menace in regard to our Hungarian partridge.

The spring high of wild geese continuation. One afternoon the week its too early to hazard a guess as to how the number present this spring compares to what we had last spring. In some districts, one may see flocks of geese on the wing at most any hour of the day while on many tidal estuaries and marshes one may only hazard a guess as to their actual number, counting them is too much of a chore.

It is surprising how close one can guess as to the number of geese or ducks in a massed concentration. One afternoon the week before the one just passed, I cast my eye over a big bunch of geese resting and feeding on the marsh and open water at the head of one of our rivers. Some, apparently fresh arrivals, were sitting in long black rows on the ice. Others were either standing on the marsh or splashing and dabbling in the open channel.

I estimated between six and seven hundred and then with a pair of powerful field glasses, a souvenir of the 1st Great War, I proceeded to count them. I always count in fives or tens. I numbered 630. I figured that there were more in the flock for I make it a practice to estimate under rather than over the actual number. One day this past week I counted over a thousand on a mile stretch of river and marsh.

On an afternoon this week I dropped in to see Mr. Osbert Emman, Vernon River, the Island's oldest active gunner. He is now 86 years old. He was out hunting ducks several times last fall but birds were scarce and he was unsuccessful. It was his first blank in over 70 years of hunting. I found him propped up in bed. He apologized for now being up and around to meet me. He was his usual self in other ways, bright and cheerful as of yore.

From his bed he could look out over the Vernon River. The tide was full and the sun dimpled water was dotted with hundreds of wildgeese. At times the sound of their wild honking came to our ears, clear and pulse stirring. The old hunting light gleamed in his eyes as he talked of bygone days when fall or spring—day or night hunting was all legal. He told me of one goose hunt he had fifty years ago.

It was well on in December. He had ploughed all day but as night drew near a howling Nor'wester set in and the weather got very

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Toronto Ousts Sydney From Allen Cup Play In 5-4 Overtime Win

TORONTO, April 8.—(OP)—Toronto Marlboros moved into the Eastern Canada senior hockey final against the Quebec champions by defeating Sydney Millionaires 5-4 tonight, but not before the Millionaires almost squandered the series with one of the most rousing comebacks seen in Maple Leaf Gardens.

The all-Ontario champions had to win the game all over again after the Millionaires, seemingly inept around the nets for nearly 47 minutes, suddenly found their shooting eye. The Maritime champions tallied four times within six minutes to take a 4-3 lead late in the final period.

But Marlboros scored back, with Scotty Mair scoring the tying goal with only 45 seconds left in regulation time. In the 16-minute overtime, Johnny McCormack fired the winning goal for Marlboros at 6:15 after Sydney missed set-ups, hit the cross bar and did everything but score.

Marlboros now will meet the Quebec winner—either Sherbrooke or Ottawa Senators—for Canada champions in the Allan Cup final.

The victory before a crowd of 9,500, gave Marlboros the best-of-five Eastern Canada semi-final 3-1 in games with one game tied. If Millionaires had won they came within 45 seconds of doing it in regulation time—a deciding game would have been forced here Monday night.

Tonight's was the third overtime game in the hard-fought series. The opening match was an overtime 1-1 draw and Sydney won the third game 5-4 in extra time. Marlboros' other two victories were by 5-3 and 3-1 scores.

Mair, chunky winger whose goal sent the game into overtime, also scored an earlier goal and picked up two assists. One of them came on McCormack's winning tally, scored from a scramble in front of the net with goalie Jack Gibson on his knees.

Johnny McLennan fired the opening Marlboro goal in the first period and Ray Hannigan gave them a 3-0 lead in the second frame after Mair got his first tally. The Millionaires, who held their own on territorial play, but couldn't solve goalie Howie Harvey, started their rally at 6:30 of the third period.

First Period	
1—Toronto, McLennan (Hannigan, Hollett) 3:59	Penalties: Gallagher, Davidson, Medynski, Fitz, Myketyln.
Second Period	
2—Toronto, Mair (McCormack, Buchanan) 1:23	3—Toronto, Hannigan (Armstrong) 10:08
Penalties: Bolton, McRae, Mair, Blair.	
Third Period	
4—Sydney, Rosch (Medynski, Dowling) 6:00	5—Sydney, Gallagher (Arundel, Brukow) 10:00
6—Sydney, Brukow (Watts, Arundel) 10:26	7—Sydney, Arundel (Fitz, Dowling) 12:26
8—Toronto, Mair (Hollett, Hannigan) 19:15	Penalties: Medynski, Blair.
Overtime Period	
9—Toronto, McCormack (Mair, Buchanan) 6:15	Penalty: Davidson.

Vince Foster Is Awarded Decision

CHICAGO, April 8.—(AP)—Vince Foster, welterweight contender from Nebraska, was awarded an unpopular split decision over Chuck Taylor, ex-coal miner of Coalport, Pa., in a bloody 10-round battle in the Chicago Stadium tonight.

The referee Johnny Behr voted for the surprising Taylor, while the two judges gave the honors to Foster by a slight margin.

The victory moved the 22-year-old Foster closer to a title showdown with Ray (Sugar) Robinson, world's welterweight champion. Robinson viewed tonight's encounter from a ringside seat.

Bowling	
Y's Menettes Thursday Afternoon Bowling League.	
Team No. 1 — 2135 — 3 points.	
Team No. 4 — 2129 — 2 points.	
High Single — Mrs. E.V. Bell 168	
High Three — Mrs. E.V. Bell 456	
Team No. 2 — 2230 — 5 points.	
Team No. 1 — 2172 — 0 points	
High Single — Mrs. Wyle Allan 168.	
High Three — Mrs. W.A. Livingston 402.	
Friday Bowling Team (Finals)	
Team 4	
J. Rogerson 140 123 134	
B. MacEachern 147 173 176	
M. Ives 119 128 178	
L. Bealrto 161 194 187	
M. Bradley 172 168 192	
..... 739 762 867	
Team 3	
G. Barbour 196 223 180	
D. MacDonald 171 205 206	
A. Cameron 188 147 212	
A. MacDonald 170 124 180	
B. Roper 134 92 123	
..... 859 891 900	
Ps. 5	
High Single D. MacDonald 335.	
High Three, D. MacDonald 632.	

Linen was first manufactured in England by Flemish weavers in 1283.

Poulton Wins In Best Fight On Halifax Card

HALIFAX, April 8.—(CP)—Percy Paris, New Glasgow, N.S., light-weight, took a close decision here tonight from Canadian feather-weight champion Jean Richard of Montreal.

Both men were over the weight limit in the 10-round non-title bout. Paris weighed 130, Richard 138.

There were no knockdowns in the fast-moving bout, with Richard the aggressor most of the time. Paris opened a cut over Richard's left eye early in the bout.

Both fighters were rough in the clinches. Richard lost points several times by hitting Paris with his open glove.

Results of preliminaries: Harry Poulton, 141, Charlottetown, knocked out Red Graham, 138, of Woodside, N.S., in the second round.

Bob Garmon, 136, of Dartmouth, N.S., knocked out Harris Barton, 134 1-2, of Halifax, in the first round.

E. O. McMullin, 132 1-2, of Enfield, N.S., declared Dexter Connors, 130 1-4, of Truro, N.S.

Indoor Rifle Shoot

The regular shoot of the Charlottetown Indoor Rifle Club was held on Tuesday evening. Next week will be devoted to a classified prize shoot.

Following are this week's scores: W. R. Brennan 98
P. J. Landrigan 94
E. R. Burke 97
J. E. MacRae 96
G. MacLennan 96
W. M. Welsh 98
H. MacDonald 98
Raymond Andrews 94
J. D. MacRae 94
S. Crawford 96
A. Mutch 92
R. E. Jenkins 92
Alton Rodd 96
Gerald Hooper 92
Eric Coles 92
Fred Younker 94
Mary MacLennan 94
L. MacDonald 91
W. E. Watts 94
G. E. MacCallum 96
A. Johnston 96
Wm. Kelly 96
Frank Hooper 96
A. J. MacCallum 96
H. N. Watts 96
B. LaPage 96
Jim Good 96
H. B. MacCallum 96
H. Wood 96
W. W. Mutch 96
Rupert Vessey 96
J. E. Taylor 96
Verner Coles 96
N. Hooper 96
C. M. Sinclair 96

DENNIS CUP SHOOTING
The final shoot for the Dennis Cup and the Island senior indoor title, 22 championship was shot at the Winsloe range on Thursday evening, between teams from Millton, York and Charlottetown. The result was a win for the Charlottetown team who retains the Cup for another year. The winners were decided by a total of three shooting sets at each range. Very close scores finished all the matches. The totals being Charlottetown 2278, Millton 2270, York 2264.

Following are the final night's scores:

Charlottetown	
Geo. Rogers	109
W. R. Brennan	98
E. B. Jones	96
R. E. Jenkins	92
E. R. Burke	97
F. O. Younker	97
P. J. Landrigan	94
Wm. Welsh	98

York	
H. T. Vessey	129
W. Crockett	98
W. D. Cooke	97
R. Watts	98
B. Barlowe	98
S. Hardy	94
P. Proutie	94
Tred Hooper	94
Jack Rodd	94

The tips of a propeller at speed often surpass the speed of sound.

OUR BOARDING HOUSE MAJOR HOOPLE

HAS THE APPLE SAUCE SOURD? AFTER YOU HAD THAT ORE-MINE VACATION RESORT WISHED ON YOU, YOU WERE AS SPRY AS A HARPIS'T THUMB—NOW YOU'RE AS DIS-CONTENTED AS MOTHER HUBBARD'S DOG!

ALAS, TWIGGS! AM I A MODERN RIP VAN WINKLE AWAKING FROM AN EMPTY DREAM? OR PAINTING AN IDYLIC PROSPECT OF AN OUTING ON MY NEW PROPERTY, BUT ACTUALLY PERCHED HERE WITH POCKET AS EMPTY OF COIN AS A KANGAROO'S! AM I AN IDLE VISIONARY?

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Halifax Navy To Play Kirkland Lake

SYDNEY, N. S., April 8.—(CP)—Halifax Navy, Maritime Intermediate hockey champions, will meet Kirkland Lake, Ont., intermediates in a Canadian Amateur Hockey Association intermediate playoff next week. E. W. Connolly, secretary of the Maritime Amateur Hockey Association, said tonight.

Hockey Results

ALLAN CUP
Western semi-final: Fort Frances 10, Winnipeg 3. (Fort Frances wins best-of-five series 3-2).

MEMORIAL CUP
Western semi-final: Brandon 6, Fort Arthur 4. (Brandon wins best-of-seven series 4-1).

ANTIGONISH, N.S., April 8.—(CP)—St. Francis Xavier University cagers overwheeled Summerside R.C.A.F. Flyers 84-34 tonight in the first game of a two-game, total-point Canadian Intermediate basketball semi-final. Second game will be played here tomorrow night.

St. F. X. Overwhelms S'Side Flyers 84-34

Hank Propper counted 16 and Rudy Pace 15. Charlie Linkletter topped the losers with 11 points.

Lineups: Summerside—Bob Payne, Toronto; Bill Campbell, Saskatoon; 2: Charlie Linkletter, Summerside; 3: Fred Roy, Montreal; Pete Mickus, Toronto; 7: Moose Caropp, Saint John; 2: Earl Smith, Charlottetown; 8: Norm Anderson, Charlottetown.

St. F. X.—Lorne Whalen, Newcastle, 23; Hank Propper, New York, 16; Francis MacNeil, Sydney, 4; Pat Conley, Portland, Me., 7; Fergie Kehoe, Sydney, 9; Joe Flaherty, Portland, 3; Rudy Hanzuslak, Moncton, 7; Rudy Pace, Sydney, 15.

St. F. X. led 37-13 at half time. Lorne Whalen, captain of the Antigonish squad, scored 23 points.