



**DOWN
-The-
BACK STRETCH**

Every workout day at the Charlottetown track finds plenty of fans with stop watches testing the merits of the many horses being trained there. A partial list of this week's workouts shows True Hal the season's record holder with a mile in 2:13 1/5 with the last half in 1:04. The most exciting duel so far was between Antileraft 2:03, driven by Willard Kelly, and Kovola 2:06 1/2, with Roy Barnett up. They raced the mile in 2:14 with finished noses apart. Royal-at-Law almost shares honors with True Hal as his mile was 2:13 2/5 with driver Jay sitting still. Well McNeill's pacer Romeo was a mile in 2:18 with the last quarter in 31 2/5. Ed Downs worked the trotter Miss Ireland in 2:20 and his pacer Mac Watson in 2:19. Shirley H. Temple is better gaited than ever this year and stepped a mile with Col. Hooper up in 2:17 3/5. Lynn Mite (W. Kelly) accompanied her and was timed in 2:18. Roy Shelburn was in 2:20 with the last half in 1:06 and Roy Mills worked Jerry Volo in 2:19 4/5, and his big beautiful up-standing trotter King Gratian in 2:22 4/5. This horse has improved wonderfully with a few workouts.

Other trotters that are showing up well include Nell Kalmuck—2:18; Billy Kalmuck—2:22; Sir Francis Drake—2:20. The first two named are in Willard Kelly's stable and Sir Francis in Len O'Neary's. A newcomer to the track is Earle Simple Kensington, with Midnight McAndy, slow class pacer that has an awful lot of whizz. She is owned by Horace Willis. Earle has a two-year-old Squid Farmer out of the dam of Triflex Volo that is much liked. A few evenings ago the Kelly starting gate was tried out with very favorable comments being passed. There are a few kinks to iron out that do not appear too difficult and hopes are that the gate will be in operation the first "Night Races." Now a word for caretaker Bill MacAusland who is interesting in looking after the comforts of horsemen and keeping the track in perfect order. We do not know of any place where so much effort is being made to give the horsemen advantages that go with a good track, good stabling, etc.

Charlie Willis' Covehead track is much in the picture and the necca for many on evenings and Saturday afternoons. Several city owned horses have been there since early May and Charlie takes as much care of the track as if it were being used for racing. He is at present building a large restaurant, has improved parking accommodation and many other things that will make Covehead even more popular than it has been. Workouts the past week were just Betty in 2:23, the three-year-old Just A Gift—2:35. Pat McKenna is caretaking the pair which are owned by Dr. R. F. Seaman, Charlottetown. Ernie Murphy has the four-year-old Eileen Budlong, owned by Larry O'Brien, Lower Backville, N. S. Her best mile was in 2:29. He also has Jackpot by Real Money 2:09, owned by Jack Doyle and Jack McEachern. He has been a mile in 2:26. Lynn Worthing, recently purchased by Charlie Willis, stepped in 2:25. Others training over the track are Royal Jim and Dale E., owned by George Muehls; the former was trained in 2:22 and the latter in 2:25. Harold Chudmore worked Prince Mar in 2:15 and Just Flicks in 2:21 and they are much liked. Lily Bell, Charlie O'Brien's entry in the slow paces, was in 2:27.

David Nelma, Secretary Blue Acres Raceway, New Glasgow, N. S., has wired the various owners having entries in his stake race

scheduled for July 5th (approximate value \$3,000.) that owing to a serious condition having arisen in connection with the track which necessitates a great deal of repair work, he is asking their permission to change the race date to August 20th, with last payment to be made August 10th. We understand the horsemen are agreeable to the change. Naturally one cannot race over a track if it is not.

The past week has been a busy one for the horsemen with harness racing at St. John, N.B., on Saturday; Sussex, N.B.; Antigonish; Bridgewater; Sydney and Parrsboro, N.S. on Wednesday. Winners at St. Stephen were Carnation Lady. The Baker and Worthy Ermine with the third heat of the Free For All, won by Worthy Ermine, going to Graham Hanover in the fastest heat of the day—2:14. The old reliable, The Baker, that must be at least 14 years old, started the season by winning the No. 2 Classified for owner, J. D. Mehan, his heat in 2:14 being the fastest of the event.

At St. John, All Gratian 2:06 1/2 (record taken at Charlottetown) won the Free For All with Iola Henley and Craigie Harvester heading the others. The fastest heat was All Gratian's 2:17. The proprietors of Sussex race track, destroyed a great many of their stalls, put on three events on Wednesday that were splendidly filled and resulted in tip top racing. Wildcat Volo (Roy Creamer) won the Free For All in three straight with Symbol Harry 3-2-2, best time 2:15. Milt Bell's former pacer, Lady Hal, won the No. 1 Classified with 1-1-3; Iola Henley 2-4-1; best time 2:17. No. 2 Classified was won by Mae Budlong with 1-1-1; Battle Bill 2-2-2; and others as well. Best time 2:17. Mae is owned by Gill Hart of St. John.

Antigonish which is becoming a very popular racing centre, had a card of four events Wednesday. All well filled and well fought out. Dinah G., owned by G. R. McDonald, Glace Bay, won the No. 1 Classified with Baden Hanover 2-2-2. No. 2 Classified was won by Dottie Abbe with three straight; Polly Scott by Bellini Scott, 2-2-2. Dean, piloted by Teddy Weir, won the No. 3 Classified first division, with 1-2-1. Old reliable Martindell was 2-2-2. No. 3 Classified was won by a daughter of Janette Royal 2:04 1/2. McKinley Covehead, N. S. She made every post a winning one in each heat. Reamore Boy was best of the five other contestants.

The fastest track in the Maritimes, Bridgewater, also put on straight heats, Mae Fingo (J. O'Brien) by single direct. This youngster made only one start before, as a two-year-old in a stake at Logansport, Indiana, last July. In the meantime he is a much improved pacer and won with owner Harley Spence in straight heats, Mae Fingo (J. O'Brien) 2-2-2; best time 2:14 1/5. The 2:19 Trot and Pace was won by Free Trade, raced last year by Johnny Campbell but this time by Joe O'Brien. The Baron won the last heat. Free Trade stepped the second in 2:12 and the Baron the third in 2:14 3/5. Free Trade is now owned by C. MacLeod, Westville, N. S. Another horse that showed surprising form was Ensign Joe, that started out quite

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SPORTING NEWS

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IN THE CORNER

Enjoying its best season in years the courts of the Charlottetown Tennis Club are a scene of much activity every evening of the week as players, old and new, get in practice sessions preparatory to the holding of the annual Club tournament and the Island Open dates of which have not been set as yet but holding of which is a certainty.

Improvements made to the entire setup have been responsible to a large extent for the increase in membership. Today the Club boasts the largest list of members in a good many years and the time is not far distant when the club will again be playing hosts to outstanding Dominion racket wielders in Eastern Canada and possibly Dominion tournaments.

And the game is attracting a large number of young newcomers that could well develop into future net stars. Back about ten years ago when Mac MacKinnon and Gus Bentley were staging tournaments that helped put the province on the tennis map, many promising youngsters were making rapid strides towards future stardom.

But along came the war about that time to call a halt to the youngster's progress at the time. But a good majority of them such as Bill Moreside, Lefty Redin and others are back in full swing now and these together with the ones breaking in should provide the province with some very capable tennis representatives in the not too far distant future.

The second section of the City Baseball League gets underway at the Park diamond tomorrow afternoon and the Anchors winding up in the cellar in the first section are going to make an all-out attempt to get off on the right foot when they tangle with the Legion squad, the latter team that with each outing gives more and more indication of being hard to knock off when the final playoffs roll around.

Lack of pitchers played havoc with the Anchors in their games to date, but hopes are high of better things to come in this department. They sent Frank Evans in for his first start on Thursday night and although the big, strapping righthander was tagged for a loss he showed enough stuff and poise on the hill to send Anchors hopes soaring.

Then again reports say that McCormack the youngster with the fireball and sharp breaking curves will be ready to start soon. McCormack, after a long stretch overseas failed to reach top condition in last year but fans who have been watching him working out say that the fast ball is again crackling and when McCormack is right any team on the Island will have plenty of trouble trying to get a solid piece of the horseshide he throws up to them.

Getting back to tomorrow's game the fans should witness just another of the close encounters the Legion and Anchors have waged in their three previous meetings. On two occasions a single run decided the issue and while the Legion's margin was increased to two in last Thursday's encounter the shortness of the game, due to rain, didn't provide a fair test for either squad.

But there will be plenty of light and sunshine, we hope, for them tomorrow afternoon and the game should give the usual big Sunday crowd plenty to enthuse over for it can be either a free hitting struggle or a pitcher's battle.

Some time ago Ben Chapman, manager of the Philadelphia Phillies, was the subject of considerable abuse when he ordered his players to ride Jackie Robinson.

So just a few days ago Chapman came through with a statement that Robinson had not only made the grade, proven himself a major leaguer in every respect, but was the principal factor in keeping the Brooklyn Dodgers up in the pennant race.

"He can run, he can hit, he is fast, quick with the ball and his fine base running keeps the other team in an uproar." Chapman went further and congratulated the colored people for their fine actions at baseball games in which Robinson participates.

It is now near the end of June and Robinson is rolling along and will stay the season. There was some fear that he would falter in the first month of play, and while it was inevitable he would be given a real good chance, it wasn't so certain that he would stay the course.

Anchors And Legion In City Ball League Encounter Tomorrow

Anchors and Legion start off the second section of the City Baseball League tomorrow afternoon at the Park diamond in a game that is scheduled to get underway at 2:30 sharp. Vastly improved since the opening days of the campaign victory was being freely predicted from the rival camps last night and indications pointed strongly to the two evenly matched squads waging one of the closest tussles of the campaign.

Rain Halts Junior Game

Rain called a halt to the Junior League baseball game last night with only one inning completed and Kinsmen leading the Recce team by two runs, result of two counters in the last half of the first frame. Recce had runners on second and third in the top half of the second as they threatened to tie up the score but the weatherman stepped in and forced the encounter back to the end of the schedule.

Baseball Game At Summerside Dominion Day

As in past years Summerside and Charlottetown baseball teams will clash on Dominion Day in Summerside. On that evening the Summerside Kinsmen Juniors will meet the Charlottetown Kinsmen Juniors in an exhibition game. The grounds have been made available on this evening through the co-operation of the S. Y. C. I. On the following evening (Wednesday) there will be an exhibition game between an All-Star team from the Summerside League and one of the Charlottetown teams. These two games are the first meetings between Summerside and Charlottetown teams this season and it is hoped large crowds will attend—S.

Softball Doubleheader

A doubleheader will feature the Holy Redeemer Softball League program. It was announced last night that the Holy Redeemer Softball League will have a doubleheader to meet the B members; and Cardinals.

Pirates Win From Chicago Cubs 12-8

(By The Canadian Press) Pittsburgh Pirates managed to turn back a hard hitting drive by Chicago Cubs yesterday for a 12-8 decision that gave them their second straight victory in the National League series and extended their losing streak of the fading Chicagoans to four in a row. The Pirates pounced on Bill Lee for four runs in the first inning and in the fifth broke loose for a cluster of five to rout Hank Wysz and an 11-1 lead. The Cubs finally came in to drive Jim Bagby off the mound and out of the box 17 hits to 14.

Hank Greenberg smashed out his 12th homer with the bases barren in the fourth. The Cubs opted a three-homer salvo in the sixth when Bill Nicholson smashed out his ninth of the season and Dom Dilessandro and Don Johnson each got their first.

Follow Thru

At the moment of impact the left arm and wrist are perfectly straight, most of the weight is on the left foot and the hips have turned around slightly from square, the head is firmly anchored and the left shoulder is a bit higher than the right.

If the backswing and downswing have been properly executed then the "follow thru" which is the area from the ball to about 9 or 10 inches in front of it, will be correct.

The club head at impact should be kept as low and in a straight line as possible through this area and should be travelling slightly from the inside out. The weight should be mostly on the left foot stressing the heel and there should be a slight pressure on the inside of the ball of the right foot which is pushing towards the left side.

The left arm which may bend slightly during the backswing and downswing should be rigidly straight through this area and the left wrist should be firm and straight.

The hips which turned towards the right in the backswing should now have turned to the left and be slightly facing towards the green.

During the golf swing it is not necessary to "keep the eye on the ball" but it is absolutely necessary to keep the head in one position. The head anchors the swing much as the sharp point on a drawing compass arm anchors that instrument. If the point is moved the circle drawn is faulty, so also in golf if the anchor of the swing which is the head, be moved, then the swing is faulty and a clear clean hit is not made at the ball. "Keeping the eye on the ball" is an aid in keeping the head in position, but looking at the ball is not enough in itself, the head must be firmly anchored until after the clubhead has passed the hitting area and this applies to all shots.



HUNTERS' CORNER

I had a long chat with an old time gunner a few days ago, a prime years ago "How's it?" he queried, "80 years ago there were no seasons, limits or game laws; we shot spring, summer and fall and yet there was no scarcity of fish or game. Today with unlimited game laws, prohibitions and restrictions fish and game are getting progressively scarcer?"

There is more truth than poetry in that contention but it is not restrictions and severe game laws that has caused our wildlife to be reduced, as far as some species are concerned, almost to the vanishing point. Several species have, since the good old days when there were no bag limits or seasons and market hunting was the occupation of many, has been completely exterminated. Two glaring examples are the Passenger Pigeon and Heath Hen, both species of which have vanished from the face of the earth forever. The Eskimo curlew is another valuable game bird that is believed to be extinct and there are grave doubts that we will be able to save the trumpeter swan from a like fate.

No one cause has led up to this calamity I cannot remember back 60 years but I can recollect a father who was a noted hunter and a cack who was shot in his time describe shooting conditions as they were 75 years ago. He used to take me on his shoot up trips when I was a mere lad of 7 or 8 years old and I have a vivid recollection of the immense swarms of field plover, black-bellied and Golden, that swept down from the sky in such numbers that they filled large pasture fields to overflowing. These selections carry back a time I started totting a shotgun.

In father's shooting days, at least in his early shooting days, they shot plover for the Boston market. The Captains of the Boston boats that pulled into Charlottetown handled the game. The first one I remember was a heavy, very heavy, 10 gauge double-barreled affair that was brought from Boston for father by a Captain D and who commanded one of the boats that traded between Boston and Charlottetown.

Today, in comparison with 60 years ago, I venture to say we have 10 gunners for every one we had in the old days. Then a sin muzzle loader was the common type of shotgun used and even for the breech loaders black powder shells were the only kind available. I well remember the old Crown and New Club shells. If one fired a shot on a calm day one was inclined to be dull, the landscape was completely obliterated by a heavy pall of smoke that oft times lingered for several minutes.

The first smokeless powder shell I can remember was the Sovereign and this was followed a short time later by an English shell named the Kynock that contained a form of smokeless or ballistite powder. Compared to the old fashioned type powder cartridges a terrific improvement. Compared with what we have today in the form of long range loads they might well be called pip squeaks.

Breech-loading shotguns loaded with shells that were being continually improved and killed at considerably longer ranges, combined with a great increase of shooters brought into the game when modern weapons were available, was the first major setback suffered by our game.

The second setback, and one that really started our wildlife off from the old horse and buggy days to the motor, car and aeroplane, today gunners are able to hunt geese and ducks in their northern fastness, where before the First Great War they were as safe as the proverbial "bug in a rug." As an example: A few years ago Harold S. Peters, United States Biologist and Dr. Harrison Lewis, an official of the Department of Mines and Resources Ottawa, were conducting a survey by means of the immense concentrations of

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Island Golfers To Make Bid For N. B. P. E. I. Amateur Title

ST. ANDREWS, N. B., June 27—(CP) A strong band of fair way artists from the Prince Edward Island golfing stronghold of Charlottetown will arrive here tomorrow to make a determined bid for individual and team honors in the 14th annual New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island amateur golf tournament. The three-day, 54-hole medal play championship will open Monday morning.

Leading the invasion of Island par-busters will be Maurice (Moussie) Dowling and Billy Beer, both former Willingdon Cup team players and ranked with the first amateur linksmen in the Maritimes. Other members of the P.E.I. team are the veteran Bob Ho man and youthful Cecil Dowling, a brother of "Moussie." Both Dowlings are equally prominent for winter participation in Maritime hockey wars.

The N.B.-P. E. I. professional championship also will be decided here during the first three days of next week. Archie Skinner, pro here, is the defending champion and will be seeking to add further honors to his already long list of conquests. Jimmy Walker, professional at the Charlottetown Golf Club, will not accompany the Island amateur shotguns but most of the other leading Maritimes professionals have entered the tournament.

Second Annual School Sports Held At Victoria

Yesterday at Victoria, the second annual South Queen's Inter-school sports were run off successfully before a good crowd of spectators. Crapaud School this year was successful in winning the Physical Fitness Relay trophy from the defending champions, Victoria. Edwin Sherman of Crapaud won the award for the speediest boy at the meet and the award for the speediest young lady went to Betty Dunlop of Victoria.

Following is a summary of the events being "C" for Crapaud, "V" for Victoria, "W" for Westmoreland:
Boys 7 yrs. and under: 1. Charles Butler V.; 2. Leslie Howatt V.; 3. Donnie Sherman V.
Girls 7 yrs. and under: 1. Gwen O'Brien C.; 2. Elaine McQuarrie V.; 3. Betty Lou McLean V.
Boys 8 yrs. and under: 1. Robert Sherman C.; 2. Gordon Canfield W.; 3. Billy McDavid V.
Girls 8 yrs. and under: 1. Roma Sherman V.; 2. Betty Butler V.
Boys 9 yrs. and under: 1. Gene Rogerson C.; 2. Alan Johnston C.; 3. Joseph Maitland V.
Girls 9 yrs. and under: 1. Ramona Sherman V.; 2. Edith Bruce V. tied.
Boys 10 yrs. and under: 1. Vincent Keough V.; 2. Gary McLean V.; 3. George White C.
Girls 10 yrs. and under: 1. Sylvia Boulter V.; 2. Janet McKenzie C.; 3. Hazel Sherman C.
Boys 11 yrs. and under: 1. Robert Wright V.; 2. George Bruce V.; 3. Gary McLean V.
Girls 11 yrs. and under: 1. Joan Boulter V.; 2. Claire Best C.
Boys 12 yrs. and under: 1. Robert Wright V.; 2. Winsor McLean V.; 3. Vincent Keough V.
Girls 12 yrs. and under: 1. Joyce MacDonald V.; 2. Phyllis Bruce V.; 3. Kathleen (Continued On Page 9)

Girls Softball Schedule

The week-end schedule for the Knights of Columbus Girls' Softball league calls for a game between the Cubs and the Kats. They will play at the K. of C. diamond at 8:30 Sunday.

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